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Pair And Two Trios Of English Commems

Great Britain's assistant Postmaster General Miss Mervyn Pike, has announced that there will be three special issues of British postage stamps this year. The centenary of the Post Office Savings Bank will be commemorated by the release on August 28 of a 2½d, 3d and 1½d trio.

On September 18 there will be an issue of 2d, 4d and 10d stamps to mark the second anniversary of the Conference of European Postal and Telecommunications Administrations, which will be held this year at Torquay from September 9-23.

Finally, on September 25 there will be issued suitable 6d and 1½ values to mark the opening in England of the Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

All the stamps will be twice normal size, Miss Pike stated, adding that the only other year in which three special issues of stamps have been released was 1948—two adhesives to commemorate the Silver Wedding of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth; two more to celebrate the liberation of the Channel Islands, and four for the Olympic Games.

German-American Club Celebrating 40th Year

The German-American Stamp Collectors Club of Rochester, N.Y. is celebrating its 40th anniversary, with two charter members still active in its affairs.

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Kansas Statehood 4c May 10; Three More Airmail Services, Round-Up Of Washington News

A 4c commemorative postage stamp marking the centennial of Kansas Statehood will be issued at Council Grove, Kans. May 10, according to Postmaster General J. Edward Day.

This stamp will be based on a design submitted seven years ago by the Eureka Specialty Printing Co. of Scranton, Pa. for the Kansas Territorial observances. It has been modified to meet the Statehood occasion by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington.

On or about March 30 Piedmont Airlines will inaugurate new airmail service at Elizabeth City and Rocky Mount, N. C. on route AM-87. Then will follow the inauguration of new airmail service on or about April 1 by Lake Central Airlines, Inc., at Akron / Canton and Sandusky, Ohio, and at Jackson, Mich. on route AM-88.

Finally the inauguration of new airmail service by Central Airlines, Inc. will take place at Goodland and Rays, Kans. on route AM 81, also April 1.

Official cachets will be furnished the postmasters at each of the cities named above. Patrons desiring to receive the cachets should forward their airmail rate stamped and addressed covers to reach the postmasters involved at least five days prior to the stipulated flight date. The usual philatelic treatment of covers will be provided.

When the 4c Horace Greeley "Famous American" stamp was first placed on sale February 3 at Chappaqua, N.Y., there were 359,205 first day covers canceled and 574,952 stamps sold, with a value of \$22,998.08.

The 7c Balloon Jupiter airmail commemorative of 1959, and the 10c Pan American Games airmail commemorative of the same year, were removed from sale at the Philatelic Sales Agency in Washington, D. C., as of the close of business March 8. Also removed from sale at the Agency as of that date were the 4c Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" stamp of 1960 and the 80c package of stamped

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Study Of Field Promotes Many U. S.-Japan Mutual Interests; Stamp Inscriptions Intriguing

R. P. Alexander

The International Society for Japanese Philately was originally founded, and has since continued, for the purpose of studying and popularizing the postal emissions of the Land of the Rising Sun.

As is true with every country, the stamps of Japan mirror its face and its soul. In the case of Japan, with its particular form of artistic expression so highly developed, this mission is accomplished in a special manner which adds interest—and problems—to the task of the philatelist who sets himself up as a student of the philately of Japan. It is to this special field of the world-wide stamp collecting hobby that the ISJP is devoted.

Consider for a moment the first characteristic which distinguishes Japanese postal paper from that with which we of the English speaking world are acquainted—the language. On the stamps of Japan, the language is far from being "all Japanese". Indeed, there is a fantastic array of varieties of inscriptions within the broad field of Japanese philately. The purpose of this present article is to call attention to this fact and to point up its fascinating ramifications. No attempt will be made here to discuss all of the kinds of inscriptions to be found; a few samples will suffice. Obviously, by far the most of these inscriptions are in Japanese.

Japanese—The Japanese, who had no written word system of their own, faced many difficulties when they first attempted to use the Chinese logographic system for writing Japanese. The Chinese word-symbols met the needs of the monosyllabic, uninflected and analytic Chinese language.

The problems which beset the Japanese, in adapting the Chinese written system to the polysyllabic Japanese language with its highly inflected verbs and adjectives, are illuminatingly treated by Sir George Sansom in his "An Historical Grammar of Japanese", 1928.

Ultimately, the Japanese came to the use of Chinese characters, which they learned from Chinese teachers from various parts of China and from various periods and who did not speak the same dialect. Thus Chinese characters gradually came to have two or three different readings, one being preferred to the other depending upon context.

Furthermore, the Japanese translated the meanings of these Chinese characters into Japanese, thus giving the characters still another reading, and some single Chinese characters have many different Japanese readings or pronunciations. In addition, along about the eighth and ninth centuries, a system of writing, called "kana" (taken from Chinese characters) also came into use.

There are two kinds of kana; one is called "katakana" or "side" kana, so named because they are derived from the sides or parts of

Chinese characters. The other is called "Hiragana" resulting from cursive forms of entire Chinese characters.

Both the katakana and the hiragana represent sounds and stand for syllables, and not letters as in the English alphabet. Examples of all of these kinds of script are to be found on the postage stamps of Japan.

1) Characters—The most frequent inscription in Japanese philately, written in Chinese characters, is to be seen in Illustration No. 1. This is read NIHON (meaning "Japan") or "Japanese" and YU-BIN (meaning "post" or "mail").

2) Katakana—Take, for example, the stamp issued June 18, 1958 to mark the 50th anniversary of Japanese Emigration to Brazil. At the foot of this stamp, reading from left to right (Illustration No. 2), is the katakana rendition of BU-RA-JI-RU, standing for "Brazil".

3) Hiragana—The titular inscription on the miniature sheet marking the Children's Exhibition in Inuyama, issued May 5, 1949 (in Illustration 3) is in hiragana, reads KO-DO-MO, and means "children".

4) Mixed Character and Hiragana—The marginal inscription of the Arbor Day Stamp of April 1, 1949 (Illustration 4) is read UETE SODA TEYO WARERA NO KYODO, the bold face parts being hiragana, the balance being in characters.

There are very many styles in the writing of Chinese characters, but no useful point is to be served by any discussion of these styles within the confines of this simple account. Aside from Chinese characters, known as kanji in Japanese, and aside from both katakana and hiragana, there are a number of other types of writing to be found on the stamps of Japan.

English — The commemorative stamp issued in Japan September 7, 1958 has the following: "5th International Congress on Diseases of the Chest" and "7th International Congress on Bronchoesophagology". These are repeated, in Japanese, in the inscriptions in the east and west panels, respectively.

Japanese written in English letters
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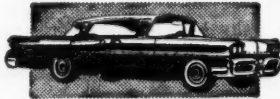
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Have The Rules Been Changed?

In the British Journal "Stamp Collecting" there is an article inquiring as to what disposition is being made of the remainders of such stamps as Ghana, when a new set is brought into the market. The Journal calls attention to the fact that in the beginning it was a well publicized fact that after the first issue of these stamps, the plates were destroyed at a public ceremony and the remainders destroyed.



GEORGE W. LINN

This paper as well as others published pictures of the ceremonies. Now this British Journal calls the attention of the various Agencies to this fact and under the following which we clip from the before mentioned Journal, suggests that the Agencies, take note.

"Agencies, Please Note"

"That brings us to an allied topic. What arrangements are made by the various philatelic agencies in America for the destruction of unsold remainders of the very numerous issues that they distribute for their principals? Shortly after Ghana placed its stamp distributing affairs in the hands of the Ghana Philatelic Agency the destruction of remainders of the Independence issue

and the defacement of the printing plate were made the occasion of a ceremony which was photographed and reported in the philatelic press. "However, no similar publicity has attended the presumed defacement of printing cylinders and destruction of remainders of subsequent issues, nor have the governments concerned issued any statements as to the numbers printed, sold or destroyed. Such information ought to be published as quickly as possible after the withdrawal of an issue and the agencies concerned would be well advised to press for the publication of properly-audited figures. This information would give the collecting public more confidence in the stability of the stamps handled by the philatelic agencies. Publication of such figures might even reverse the present tendency among collectors to give up collecting the issues of countries whose stamps are now distributed by philatelic agencies on a monopoly basis."

Canceled Remainders Now Coming From Ghana

We now have word from a big approval dealer who states. . . "Remainder stocks which Agencies have not been able to sell are now being canceled and are offered to big cheap approval dealers with the stipulation that they be used on approvals only and not advertised for sale." That is what one such dealer states. On the other hand, word from another big approval dealer states. . . "I do not know of any such agreement as mentioned in your letter; namely, that the sets will not be advertised in the stamp papers."

We are told that the stamps in this first offering of canceled to order varieties consists of Scott numbers 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 25, 26, 61-63.

So you collectors who have been wanting used Ghana will now have a chance to pick them up at used stamp prices; but the cancels will be made to order kind. Speaking of Canceled to Order stamps and plates in the hand of people outside of the governments, we recall the Liberian Air Mail issue of numbers C1 to C13. The plates for these are in the hands of a well known stamp dealer and new printings were made when the original supply of stamps became exhausted. It is a highly profitable business when one can print little bits of gummed paper, no bigger than a small label and sell them for big money.

What collectors look for in the stamp issues of any country is a clean deal. In the United States, all stamps issued in the past 100 years are still good for postage. I wonder if that can be said of any other country. In the case of countries that demonetize an issue of stamps when a new issue is introduced, the collector wants to know that the plates for the demonetized issue are destroyed. He also wants to know if the remainders from that issue are also destroyed. He also wants to know how many stamps of each denomination were made in the first place.

It was a common practice in early days that dealers would acquire plates of stamps which were no longer being issued by the various governments. As for example, Heligoland. Printings were then made when the present supply became exhausted.

Collectors of today do not approve of such practices, and such practices can be carried on if plates are not destroyed and if plates are in the hands of individuals or so-called agencies.

Perhaps the greatest example of demonetizing stamps and then releasing a new issue and leaving the plates in the hands of an agent is the Seebeck issues of the 1890's.

Best advice to the present agencies is that when a new issue is released, the plates for the previous issue should be destroyed, the remainders should be destroyed also, but it is not likely that they will be for it has become a common custom with many countries to cancel the remainders with a fictitious cancelling mark. One that is different than the legitimate postal cancellations that have been used in the country. Then make an announcement as to how many stamps were printed.

Such an act would help give these agencies a little cleaner bill of health than they now possess and would create a much more favorable view of them in the eyes of collectors.

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The directors of WESTPEX have found the answer to the number of frames collectors want for displaying their material. The big event will be held April 28-30, at the Jack Tar Hotel, Geary and Van Ness Sts., San Francisco, Calif. The theme was announced as "Commemorating the Civil War Centennial".

The committee first decided that with 300 frames available a limit of six (12 pages each) should be set. No sooner had this been announced, however, than letters began to arrive requesting for more space.

The limit has now been raised to ten frames for any one exhibit in any one section, with the minimum remaining at two frames. Almost a half of the show capacity has already been subscribed, and collectors who wish to compete this year should make reservations at once. For further information or the prospectus, they may write Westpex Secretary, 3822 Harrison St., Oakland 11, Calif.

1961 STAMP PROGRAM

Apr. 12 — Ft. Sumter 4c, Charleston, S. C. 50 per pane, 120,000,000.

May 10 — Kansas Statehood Centennial, Council Grove, Kans. No further details.

— (Indefinitely postponed) — International Conference 10c airmail, Washington 13, D. C. (Horizontal, 50 per pane).

ALREADY ISSUED

1144 — Patrick Henry "Credo" 4c, Richmond, Va., January 11.
C62 — Regular airmail 15c, revised design, Buffalo, N. Y., January 13.

1174-75 — Mahatma Gandhi Champion of Liberty 4c and 8c, Washington 13, D. C. January 26.
1176 — Range Conservation 4c, Salt Lake City 1, Utah, February 2.

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UNITED NATIONS

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June — Regular issue 30c.

Sept. — Economic Commission for Latin America.
Oct. — Economic Commission for Africa.

Dec. — Children's Fund, UNICEF.

CANADA

Apr. 19 — Arthur Meighen 5c.
June 28 — Colombo Plan 10th Anniversary 5c.

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Hanover, N. H. will utilize a slogan cancellation die hub from time of receipt through December 31 with the wording "BICENTENNIAL 1761 - HANOVER - 1961 NEW HAMPSHIRE" in three lines.

Another post office authorized to employ a special cancellation is Berwick, Pa. which is to have a slogan cancellation in use from time of receipt through July 1 reading "175TH ANNIVERSARY OF BERWICK, PA. JUNE 24 - JULY 1".

Breckenridge, Mich. is to have a slogan cancel in use from time of receipt through June 18 reading "BRECKENRIDGE CENTENNIAL 1861 - June 12-18, 1961".

Frederick, Md. will use a slogan cancel "KEEP MARYLAND BEAUTIFUL" from April 3 through April 30, and Rutland, Vt. will feature a special postmark April 7 through September 7 "RUTLAND, VERMONT BICENTENNIAL YEAR 1761 - 1961".

Boston (9), Mass., is to have a device in use from April 15 through May 15 with the commemorative wording "LAUNCHING OF USS BAINBRIDGE 1ST NUCLEAR FRIGATE", and Mobile, Ala. will use two die hubs publicize the "MOBILE 250TH ANNIVERSARY", April 15 through October 15.

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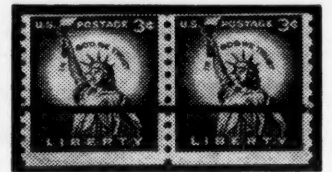
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In the February 13 notes a picture was shown of a 3c Liberty coil pair which had a blue line running across it not quite midway up from the bottom. There was also some comment concerning it. To date no explanation of the freak has come this way, so apparently those who have read about it are as much in the dark as I.



A similar item, also a pair of the 3c Liberty coil, has been sent by W. Summers Haugh, 314 Liberty Ave., Clarksburg, W. Va., only this time around the stamps have a red line! In fact it seems to be two lines very close together.

Now I know this present piece is something which could have been concocted by anyone with a red crayon pencil inasmuch as the lines seem to be of that substance. Further, unlike the aforementioned blue-lined stamps which color was an ink, the red line has been added AFTER they were printed. The blue line has all the appearance of having been on the paper and the design of the stamp printed on top of it.

All I have is Mr. Haugh's word. In the note which accompanied he stated, "A few months ago I was helping our minister and the secretary with some special work when we ran into part of a coil of these 3c stamps with this red line through them. Why were they so marked?"

This is the same way the Blue-Liners appeared—at the end of the coil in their instance.

Our mailbox is still open here. We'd be happy to have feasible ideas of what the lines are for.

1. Only two of the Famous Americans of 1940 are pictured wearing a cap or hat. Name them.

2. Frances E. Willard is shown in which set of the 1940 Famous American Series?

I have learned with a great deal of regret of the death of D. J. Duarte, my good friend and our most interested correspondent in Portugal for Portuguese issues. His passing came on Sunday March 5.

We had written to each other for quite a few years. In 1959 it was my privilege to meet and spend some time with him when I was in Lisbon. He was a fine gentleman of the old school. May his soul rest in peace.

Undoubtedly you have read of PMG Day's intentions to obtain an increase in the first class postal fees for regular and airmail, as well as for parcel post and second class. He wants to kick the 4c to 5c and the airmail from 7c to 8c. People who use the mail infrequently won't be hurt by the few pennies extra over a year's time. Where there is an abundance of mail, that extra 1c is going to cause some trouble and hardship.

Boosting parcel post and second class is going to hurt the direct mail and publishing industries. These businesses can't absorb an increase in costs any more than other firms around the nation. Therefore, it all boils down to the fact that YOU are going to have to foot the bill.

Our paper is sent by second class mail. It used to be that we'd take our addressed Linn's to the post office where they would be sorted and correctly sacked for dispatch. Now, our mailing room has to sort them so finely that the copies are separated as to the zones within cities! We're doing all that work and NOT THE POST OFFICE. We are even required to mark the mailing tag as to the specific train or truck which will take the sacks in their respective directions and cannot have such mail in the post office more than an hour and a half before departure time. It could be

taken directly to the depot and the Post Office would not have to touch it.

We are also paying greatly increased second class fees. Increased fees, plus the fact our mailing room is doing practically all the work which the postal people used to do, causes me to come out definitely against any further mail fee increases. Don't be fooled by the Post Office Department propaganda which weepingly claims it is taking a beating. You should know by this time anyone who wants to sell an idea can dig up all kinds of things to rationalize his viewpoint.

If that means nothing to you just remember two things. One, you are the one who is going to have to pay through the nose, not the business with whom you deal. Two, just about everything and anything is subsidized any more, including a raft of foreign nations who get billions and billions. In my opinion subsidizing the mails is a small part of this grand giveaway which all United States citizens can share. Why shouldn't we enjoy a little of our own charity?

Beginners could help themselves a little more than some of them seem capable of doing. Frequently there is a request for definitions of terms used in philately which could be answered quickly and simply by the questioner consulting a dictionary. Every home should have at least one college-size "word bible".

I'm afraid that many people are on the lazy side. Many time a trip to the library to consult the encyclopedias and other general reference books would save a lot of time all around. Try them first. Then if the answer isn't available, write. We'll try to help—but don't forget to include that stamped addressed envelope for the expected reply.

Articles on Japanese stamps are featured this edition. This is a project of the International Society for Japanese Philately so the material comes from those who should be in the know and on the expert side as far as the nation is concerned.

Japan is one of my pet countries. I got into it quite by chance when after World War II in 1945 I corresponded with several Japanese collectors with good neighborliness as my motive. They needed clothes and food badly at that time. These things were sent as a "Thank You" to God that I was the one blessed with the means of giving rather than being the one who must ask for help to keep my family together and eating. Many of our people do not realize how fortunate they are in having U.S. citizenship in spite of some hardships once in a while.

In a word, you can hardly deal with people without coming to be interested in them and their country. That's how I started collecting Japan. I don't go back into the

Bahawalpur Stamps Status Established

G. R. Bhatti, Deputy Director General of Posts of Pakistan in Karachi, has supplied the following pertinent information.

Under the agreement executed in 1944, between the undivided Government of India and the Bahawalpur State, the latter could have State postage stamps manufactured at its own cost for free use within the State up to a fixed limit.

Such stamps (which might bear the effigy of the Ruler or any other design approved by him) could be printed only after previous concurrence of the postal bureau.

After the accession of the former Bahawalpur State of Pakistan, the Instrument of Accession, signed by the then Ruler superseded the agreement of 1944, and cancelled all privileges and concessions under that agreement.

The former State, however, had manufactured and released some postage stamps. As all these issues were brought out without the concurrence and knowledge of the Government of Pakistan, it was considered a breach of both the 1944 agreement and of the obligations and responsibilities which the State had incurred on its accession to Pakistan.

These postage stamps are, therefore, unauthorized. In the year 1949, the Government of Pakistan impounded all the postage stamps in question, which were available in the former State or in Pakistan.

period when there was a lot of counterfeiting of the early issues—some of these jobs have fooled the experts! I start right after that and know for certain I have all the souvenir sheets, all the miniature sheets, and as far as I know about all the country in mint singles.

Japanese stamps are colorful, mostly well designed, and eye-catching. There have been no "collector-milking" issues, all having been freely available for some time after release. They are moderately priced and catalog-valued with several justifiable exceptions such as the airmail souvenir sheet of 1934 catalog-priced at \$65, and the set of four souvenir sheets for the Red Cross (1934) at \$81, and the Emperor Visit set of four souvenir sheets (1935) at \$50.

There have been a number of articles relating to popular and specialized Japanese philately besides which there are fine catalogs in English published in Japan. So it isn't a part of the world where one is lost as far as informative literature is concerned. Further there are societies here and abroad which do a notable job for members.

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The Last-Day-Plus-One Mt. Fuji 1960 Postmarks

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This is the story of a certain lot of Fuji postmarks that are 100% genuine as to intentions and effort—if not by actual historical facts—and of the writer's personal "Shank's Mare Express" which took its "first day walk" August 21, 1960.

The "express" only lasted one day, and the total distance covered was about 12,390 feet. Although people will argue the point, as far as I'm concerned the distance was straight up—it was just to mail 300 covers from the top of Mt. Fuji.

It all began two years ago when I wondered if some stamp collectors might be interested in adding a cover postmarked from Mt. Fuji to their collections. As the proceeds were to be donated to the Japan Typhoon Relief Fund, many of the American philatelic papers pitched in with free plugs and we received 200 requests for mailings.

Special cachets were printed on regular letter-sized envelopes and the letters were franked with the National Park Day commemorative which features Mt. Fuji in the design. The remaining 100 covers were addressed to me in Japanese, just in case some latecomers wanted a cover.

We started up the mountain on the evening of August 21, and just to make sure there really was a post box at the top, I kept inquiring all the way up. I was assured that there was not only one at the top but at the eighth station as well.

At 9 p.m. we were at the last rest hut of the seventh station and decided to spend the night here. The next morning we were up and going at 4:45. It was a Monday, and there were hardly any people climbing. The sun was just coming up over a large cloud layer and we felt we had the mountain just about to ourselves.

We didn't get to the top until 11 a.m., and I recalled an old Japanese saying—"He who does not climb Fuji is a fool, he who climbs it twice is twice a fool." To this I should like to add, "He who climbs it once is an idiot."

Up to the ninth station it isn't so bad, but then you see a small sign telling you it's only 500 meters to the top, and that just happens to be the longest 500 meters in the world. The air is thin, the body is tired, the slope gets steeper, and you wonder why human beings collect silly things like stamps and postmarks.

It was D-Day, H-Hour, M-Minute and all that, when I walked slowly through the small stone encampment at the top looking for a post box. The place reminded me of a Pueblo Indian reservation, or something out of Gunga Din—except for the souvenirs and high-priced soda pop.

I walked all the way to the end, and still no mail box. Oh well, let's ask the local natives.

"Is there a post box up here?"
"Yes, but they closed it down yesterday."

Dead silence for five minutes—and you'd be surprised at all the nasty things you can think of in five minutes.

So there I was with a ton of mail on my back—of course, it hadn't weighed a ton when I stated out, but it sure did now—standing on top of the world wondering if those 200 collectors would ever believe this . . . Well, anyway . . .

The man I had been talking to was the proprietor of a small souvenir stand, and after I had cried on his shoulder for a while, he offered a solution. They have various rubber stamps at the top, some in English and some in Japanese. So we backstamped all 300 covers with a Japanese stamp which says "Top of Mt. Fuji" and gives the height in meters.

Then back down the mountain, still carrying the mail, to finish the last part of the solution—dump all the letters in the first post box in Gotemba at the foot of the mountain.

They didn't get postmarked at the top of Mt. Fuji, but they were up there—and they did get "hand-stamped" there. I don't know if this will be any consolation to those 200 collectors, and I can just see the mailman coming now with all those letters of disappointment and complaint.

But I'm sure none of them will match my disappointment, or will complain as loudly as I did that day

on the mountain, standing there sunburned and exhausted, wondering if anyone would ever discover a new wonder drug to cure this stamp-collecting fever.

(Editor's note: Mr. Ross was on duty with U. S. Forces in Japan

last year, and in this account details his experience of last year in serving a group of special event covers for collectors).

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LOT #2 A COLLECTION OF AMERICAN in 3 Handsome Blue and Gold Cloth-Bound large Schaubek loose-leaf Albums containing thousands of stamps. The sections are included not only for the independent states of the continent and surrounding seas but for the British and other colonies of the area. The U.S. commences again from 1847 inc. "Carriers" with many scarce stamps as that of the above collection with fine used or mint and High values inc. MINT \$1 and Mint \$2 COLUMBIAN issues etc. The other Americans comprise of a very interesting lot from earlier and scarce stamps inc. B.N.A. from early imperfs. etc. (one imperf. noticed was a very rare bisected on piece cat. at \$200 Scott #246 yellow green) There may be other old classics not noticed such as in the B.W.I. sections, but you will find many good old items of these small countries which we cannot describe fully. There is a very nice lot of Canada from earlier and scarce. The catalogue values works out in the region of about ONE SIXTH or more and consider these 3 Albums intact with MINT and fine used stamps very good value for only \$485.00

LOT #3 COLLECTION IN LARGE "IDEAL" S.G. ALBUM. This is a very beautiful collection of the British Commonwealth countries and includes issues from 1840 to about 1936 with an added addition in Stock Leaves, etc. There are many hundreds of stamps and looks as though the late collector concentrated on many of the scarce old Q.V. which includes a very choice lot of B.N.A. with imperfs. earlier large and small heads and "pence" issues onwards to nice clean Jubilees etc. Several scarce value to the \$1s. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, etc. Cape Triangular (all values) Antigua, Barbados, Bahamas, Mauritius, Natal, Trinidad, St. Lucia, etc. There is a very nice selection of old Br. Oceania from earlier, and scarce high values to \$1s of various inc. F.U.C. \$1 MINT, other G. B. values to the \$1 inc. \$1 Silver Jubilee. Several high values to \$1 or Rupees. We note a very scarce set of TATI (Bechuanaland) with values to \$5 MINT, also a number of scarce proofs and essays. Several Penny Blacks etc. This present

collection would form the nucleus of a very valuable collection and worthy of the spotless Album (which is interleaved). The catalogue value is approx. ONE SIXTH or more. The condition of stamps are MINT or Fine used. Worth at least \$450. Price \$375.

LOT #4 CANADA. A collection in a special "JARRETT" Album from 1851 "PENCE" imperfs. (large margins) 3d. also the scarce 6d Grayish purple, 10d Blue (Scott #7) and #8 1/2 Rose onwards covering most all the early issues with all the scarce large heads. Jubilees to 50 cents onwards with complete set of values of 1897 in fact it is almost complete with high values to \$1 up to the set of Deliveries, registered and postage dues and officials up to about 1954. There are over 400 hundred Stamps mainly superb Mint or fine used. The catalogue value must work out about ONE FIFTH and as far as we are concerned this valuable collection of CANADA is worth ONE THIRD cat. Priced to the first customers \$210.00

LOT 5 A "TREASURE" BOX. In fact if you have ever wondered what a collectors dream looked like—one prep at this box will give you some idea because we have not time to list this whole lot out and want to get it out of the way. It is quite impossible to elaborate on the amount of material due to the many thousands of stamps which are in album complete collections in stock books and folders etc. This lot covers the whole world with many out-of-the-way stamps noticed such as good old U.S. A \$1 OMAHA together with other stamps ON PIECE and very scarce thus. WELLS FARGO PONY EXPRESS, 1861 \$1, \$2, \$4, and 1862-4 10c MINT. CONFEDERATE STATES issues SCARCE MINT 1863 etc. an 1892 COLUMBUS \$2 in fine condition. There are quite a number of other old U.S. in with Collections which there is no space to mention but can assure there is some good stuff. One old album in particular containing some thousands of Stamps and commences with Genuine Buenos Aires and many other early stamps and continues many EUROPEANS such as early BELGIUM, early FRANCE inc. STRIPS IMPERFS, OLD GERMAN STATES inc. Scarce, Old Italian States, Old PORTUGUESE INDIA, OLD S. AMERICAS, DENMARK, ICELAND, etc. etc. etc. THE CATALOGUE VALUE FOR THIS WHOLE ACCUMULATION MUST BE TERRIFIC. WILL TAKE DAYS (OR WEEKS) TO SORT OUT Depending the amount of time you spend. The price for the box, old as it stands is \$385.00 and worth at least \$800.00 so one cannot go wrong.

LOT #6 U.S.A. OLD COVERS. A most interesting selection of pre-stamp envelopes of the 1830s with a variety of town Handstamps, some addressed to the HON. JOSEPH STORY at SALEM or CAMBRIDGE, in MASS., also some POSTAL STATIONERY from 1859 to 1903, some unused. A VALUABLE LOT of over 30 covers PRICE \$48.00



LOT #7. SPECIAL JOB LOTS. Since preparing this ad we have just received a very special consignment of Stamps. These are offered on behalf of a MISSIONARY SOCIETY and it is for an extremely worthy cause which we feel sure almost every reader would like to take a lot who is interested in good assortments thus helping a good cause. Although we have not yet gone through a quarter of this material which has come in a tea chest with mainly old albums with stamps of all periods from earlier up to Q.E. II covering whole world. We would like to offer Collections intact for only \$30 Stating your interesting Countries and we'll do our best to supply your wants or we will split up into smaller lots at \$10 or even smaller to suit your pocket. Please remember the good it will do and the pleasure and Blessing that you will derive from it. I WANT TO PRESENT THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY WITH A NICE CHECK. SO DO SEND ME AN ORDER. You can be assured of a good lot too. "THANK YOU!!"

LOT #8. KG VI and QEH COLLECTIONS. These collections are housed in very lovely Albums namely "NEW AGE" and "KG VI" and are specially made for the stamps of these reigns, covering the COMMONWEALTH. There are thousands of Stamps MINT and Fine used with values to \$1s and \$1s and would form a very good base for a beautiful collection(s) Album condition as are new in dust cases and in addition there is a quantity of stamps in cello packets. Cat. value approx. ONE SIXTH or more not including the value of the Albums. Price only \$75 the Two Collections etc.

LOT #9. FRANCE. The Collection of some hundreds of Stamps from scarce early imperfs including many strips and blocks etc. with issues to late 19th century. This is a very good lot and worth careful examination. pmks etc. Cat. value about ONE SEVENTH. Price only \$39.00 (MINT AND FINE USED)

LOT #10 GREAT BRITAIN. Quantity of early imperfs from 1840 PENNY BLACKS, REDS, and Scott #33 platters onwards to other very interesting values inc. 2/6, 5/6, 10/- and \$1 with Q.V. also a superb mint \$1 SILVER JUBILEE cat. approx. ONE SIXTH and well worth the Price of only \$38.00.

LOT #11. BRITISH EMPIRE COLLECTION. This is a very nice collection of many hundreds of stamps inc. scarce items of the Victorian era to G.V.H. with a good range B.W.I. inc. Barbados, Bahamas, St. Lucia, and the other small countries of the Islands. A very choice lot of Canada and Nova Scotia from earlier with high values to Dollars mint and fine used inc. some of the better class. Cape Triangular and other old classics. Nice selection of Oceanic States inc. old imperfs. The catalogue works out approx. ONE EIGHTH. Priced very reasonable at only \$150.00. (MINT AND FINE USED)

LOT #12. LARGE ACCUMULATION ON LEAVES ETC. If you are the person who enjoys going through several Thousands of stamps on leaves etc. this is just the lot for you. This accumulation is all FOREIGN and comprises stamps of all periods from early issues onwards. There are some good old Europeans and although one of the members of my staff attempted to total up the cat. value he gave up half way as it would be at least ONE THIRD cat. for the money. (By the way this is not a heap of rubbish but real good collective material) Price \$35.00.

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Of Stamp "Auctions" In The Japanese Style

William J. Ross

There are two basic kinds of auctions—the kind where the price starts low and goes up through bidding until no higher bids are offered, and the "Dutch auction", where the auctioneer starts at a very high figure and gradually reduces the price until someone says "stop". In both of these cases, the item is sold at the figure agreed upon, and if it means no profit—or a loss—to the seller he is just out of luck.

Not so, however, with the clever Japanese stamp dealers at Tokyo's twice-monthly stamp "auctions". On the first and third Mondays of each month, about 50 of the Tokyo area dealers meet in Ueno to buy, sell, exchange and look.

Stamps, catalogs, covers, stock books, specimen stamps, forgeries and many other items are to be found at this stamp-exchange bourse.

This is big business, with many stocks of stamps running into the thousands of dollars. Some of the people are dealers, other are investors and there is also a sprinkling of collectors.

A few foreigners usually come, some of them well-known and acting as buyers for U.S. dealers, other collectors looking for items for their own collections.

The "auction" itself begins at about 2 p.m., but the smarter dealers usually arrive an hour or so early to buy up the better items.

The action takes place in a large, tatami-floored room on the second floor of a small building in Ueno. When the starting whistle blows, everyone sits in a huge circle around the room, forming a double line, and facing one another.

There is a pile of shallow boxes in the center of the room, and if you have something to sell, you place it in one of these boxes and put the box in front of you in the circle. The boxes are then passed around the room, sliding along the floor from person to person.

If you want to buy an item, you write the price you are willing to

pay on a small slip of paper with your name, crumple it up and put it in the box with the item. The seller opens all the bids when the box has made the full circuit, and delivers the item to the highest bidder.

There is a big difference between this procedure and other kinds of auctions, however, because if the seller is not satisfied with the highest offer he gets, he can simply withdraw the item from sale or send it around the room again.

There is an admission charge of 100 yen per person, and a record is kept of your name when you first come to a meeting. If you want to sell anything, you must buy a small card, on which you write your name, for 10y.

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A word of caution, however, before you dash off looking for stamp bargains. Unless you really know your stamps (and I mean those of Japan) and can speak enough Japanese to be able to haggle about prices, please be careful in your purchases. Remember that most of the people there deal in stamps full time and make their living this way.

The best thing for you to do is to make friends with a Japanese dealer who could advise you of the market conditions and going prices. A knowledge of the type of stock handled by the various dealers is also necessary.

Most of them specialize in some particular type of items, whether used stamps or sheets or souvenir sheets or definitives or the early hand-engraved issues. By knowing whom to go to for the item you want, you will save time and money.

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An absolutely genuine, innocently made forgery is the above Japanese POW card from the author's collection! Reproduced by lithography from the original copy, it is on much heavier paper, with printing and writing in blue, and the top caption and both handstamps in red. On the original the printing is black, the writing "blue-black" and the two handstamps violet. The respective message sides are identical. Five of these souvenir reproductions are recorded; the quantity originally printed, and the number actually still in existence, are not known.

Uncovering Innocent Forgeries Can Lead One On Merry Chase; Story Of Japanese POW Cards

George A. Fisher, Jr.

Early in 1960 a contributor to "Japanese Philately" sent me a short article describing a prisoner of war postcard sent in 1916 during World War I from Japan to Siberia. He also included the actual postcard to be used for illustrative purposes. However, since the illustration of the card required only half of one of the large pages we use for our magazine, and I happened to have in my own collection a POW postcard sent from Japan to England in 1943 during World War II, I decided to expand the article and add a note about my card along with a picture to fill up the picture page.

The article with illustrations was published in the February 1960 issue of Japanese Philately. This magazine is distributed free only to members of the International Society for Japanese Philately, and one member, Roberta Mullenix of Texas, wrote me a short while later that she had a POW postcard similar to mine.

Mine was sent from a POW camp in Taiwan (Formosa) to England by an English corporal, and was dated by him 20.2.43 (20 February 1943); Miss Mullenix's card was sent by an American soldier, one Bob F. Paradise, to Father Flanagan at Boys Town, Nebr. It had

the same date, but otherwise was the same as mine insofar as the printed portions of the card and Japanese rubber-stamp markings were concerned.

In her letter, Miss Mullenix also stated that she was writing to Boys Town for information about Mr. Paradise and that she would in due course inform me of the results of her inquiry. Shortly another letter followed, and she told of receiving from Father Wegner, Father Flanagan's successor, a letter and three copies of the Boys Town Times of the early 1940's.

The newspapers told the story of Bob Paradise, a Boys Town

alumnus, and his capture on Bataan and subsequent internment, first in the Philippines and later in Taiwan. The letter, however, contained the philatelically-startling statement that "The 'prisoner of war' postcard which you have in your collection is probably a copy of one we received from Bob Paradise when he was a prisoner of war. . ."

This is the only reference in that first letter from Father Wegner directly pertaining to the postcard, and, needless to say, when one's supposedly-original philatelic item is branded a "copy", further investigation is warranted.

Miss Mullenix therefore directed a second letter to Father Wegner, about the "copy" problem. Again Father Wegner took the time to respond, and he cleared up the mystery by writing, "Shortly after the card was received the Home had some copies made and sent them out to friends and sponsors who they thought would be interested."

Along with this letter Father Wegner enclosed photostats of both the original card and one of the copies. Although Father Wegner did not specifically say that the original card was still in the Boys Town files, it must be presumed that it is, since it was available to him for photostatic reproduction.

When Miss Mullenix first wrote (Continued on page 16)

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303	5.39	449	2.29	.55	.32	639	2.56
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311	29.95	457	5.10	2.74	.71	647	2.56
312	42.79	458	1.33	.33	.33	648	2.56
313	81.69	459	2.79	.69	.59	649	2.56
314	7.19	460	9.49	2.19	.09	650	2.56
315	.94	461	6.69	1.59	.04	651	2.56
316	8.59	462	7.19	1.62	.07	652	2.56
317	21.79	463	7.19	1.72	.07	653	2.56
318	8.49	464	15.49	3.79	.18	654	2.56
319	8.19	465	64.59	15.95	15.29	655	2.56
320	18.95	466	52.39	13.89	2.89	656	2.56
321	24.19	467	55.95	13.89	2.89	657	2.56
322	64.59	468	71	.16	.16	658	2.56
323	3.59	469	1.03	.23	.23	659	2.56
324	3.64	470	.47	.11	.11	660	2.56
325	25.49	471	6.95	1.69	1.69	661	2.56
326	1.23	472	11.49	2.69	2.68	662	2.56
327	.76	473	6.79	1.69	1.59	663	2.56
328	5.29	474	12.89	3.24	2.89	664	2.56
329	5.59	475	6.19	1.49	1.44	665	2.56
330	8.19	476	4.39	1.09	1.04	666	2.56
331	10.29	477	3.49	.94	.59	667	2.56
332	6.39	478	2.39	.56	.55	668	2.56
333	11.49	479	2.29	.56	.47	669	2.56
334	9.69	480	13.89	3.29	2.79	670	2.56
335	10.95	481	1.67	.37	.09	671	2.56
336	55.79	482	56.69	13.29	3.29	672	2.56
337	20.49	483	1.89	.45	.33	673	2.56
338	1.17	484	3.59	.82	.24	674	2.56
339	3.29	485	18.49	4.49	2.49	675	2.56
340	9.59	486	.47	.11	.11	676	2.56
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Adding immeasurably to the charm and interest of Japanese postage stamps is their reflection of the country's history, culture, and even philosophy. Equally fascinating, particularly as a commentary on the Japanese economy, are the revenue issues. Unfortunately many collectors have not yet explored the delightful vistas which await them in this lesser-known area of philately.

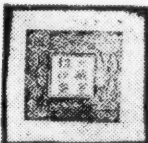
It is our intention to provide some material with which to better acquaint the readers with the revenue stamps of Japan and perhaps stimulate them to discover for themselves how these issues comprise a natural extension of our favorite hobby.

Although taxes have been with us for milleniums, the use of paper stamps to denote payment of them developed later than their use for postage. It took the Japanese exactly 14 months after the Dragon issues were produced to institute the use of stamps for revenue purposes—a tax on silkworm eggs.

These stamps were rectangular in format and closely resembled their counterparts, the first rectangular postage stamps.

They antedate these issues, however, by two months. Cherry blossoms appear in the corners and the borders consist of a design of concentric semicircles resembling that later used for the 6 sen regular issues.

The ubiquitous chrysanthemum crest dominates the central area, but the familiar crossed kiri branches are replaced by mulberry sprigs. A slightly different format was used yearly until the tax was abolished in 1877.



More closely resembling the Dragon issues in design were the small square stamps imprinted on paper bands for a silk tax in 1873. Various sizes, colors and denominations were prepared for use on skeins, bobbins, or packets of silk. These were also used for only a brief period.

In the same year, 1873, ordinary

documentary revenue stamps were prepared. Like the previously noted issues, they were hand-engraved. The design is rather primitive, consisting of central characters which read "Revenue Stamp" surmounted by the crest.

Framed in the borders is the denomination and in the corners are cherry blossoms. On either side a row of vertical characters completes the design. These characters state that anyone who counterfeits the stamp is liable to a severe penalty. Perhaps this is why one so commonly encounters forgeries of the hand-engraved postage stamps but almost none of these revenue issues.

Native paper was first used but later changed to the familiar European. For the first year the stamps were rouletted, but after this they were perforated.

As do the regular issues, each stamp differs slightly from every other stamp on the sheet and it is possible to find plate positions by careful study of details of the design. Such study together with perforation varieties affords endless pathways for research by the interested collector.



A few years following institution of the "Koban" postage issues a somewhat similar, though circular,

design was adopted for the documentary revenues. Later, more intricate designs and tinted papers were in favor, but in 1924 a new issue was simplified, and some designs and tinted papers (Continued on page 14)

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Belgium 427-9	.32
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38 Sov. Sheet	13.75	
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9	.08	B1	
35 (any one)	.08	C4-5	
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358 3rd Anniv.	B11-20, CB7-12		Anniv.	23.75	Morocco	35-27 Unesco	.36
352 4th Anniv.	Refugee	3.25	C060-8 UN		Nepal	89 UN	.25
366 5th Anniv.	B11-20, CB7-12		Indonesia	.20	Nicaragua	102 HR	.14
392-3 6th Anniv.	89-11th	27.50	468-72 HR		Pakistan	750-4, C339-45	.8
Anniv.	Ecuador		Iran (Persia)		Panama	83-18, 424-9	8
392-3 Imperf.	649 Unesco		193-4 UN	.45		Unesco	2.75
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435-6 10th	387 Unesco	.30	C83-4 UN Day 1	1.10	Yugoslavia	818f, C429f	3.00
Anniv.	Ethiopia		Sheets	.50			
435-6 Imperf.	C60-3 19th	.70	Iraq	.50			
460-1 U.N.	Finland		375-7 UN (used)	.40			
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470-1 Imperf.	893-4 Unesco	.25	221-22 10th	.55			
B11-12 10th	C28 ITU	.90	221-22 10th	.55			
Anniv.	French Cols.		221-22 10th	.55			
B11-12 Imperf.	11 vals.	1.75	221-22 10th	.55			
B17-18 Children	Fr. Ex. Africa		221-22 10th	.55			
B17-18 Imperf.	199 WHO	.25	221-22 10th	.55			
B25-6 UN	Galapagos Island		221-22 10th	.55			
B22-6 Imperf.	LC4 UN	.15	221-22 10th	.55			
B22-6 Imperf.	Germany		221-22 10th	.55			
B22-4 ITU	B294-5 Refugee	5.50	221-22 10th	.55			
679 HR	Ghana		221-22 10th	.55			
Belgium	Germany (East)		221-22 10th	.55			
407-17, B514	414-15 HR	.35	221-22 10th	.55			
467-76, C15-20	Guatemala		221-22 10th	.55			
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490 HR	C235-42 WRY	11.75	221-22 10th	.55			
B492-4 Unesco	Haiti		221-22 10th	.55			
B54-6 Child	440-41, C133-35	.85	221-22 10th	.55			
WRY 80 S.S.	C134A Souv.		221-22 10th	.55			
Ceylon	31 Sheet	2.75	221-22 10th	.55			
357-8 HR	442-43, C136-38	.95	221-22 10th	.55			
370 HR	(1 lang.)	.95	221-22 10th	.55			
China	Same - All 4	4.25	221-22 10th	.55			
1121-3 10th	lang.		221-22 10th	.55			
Anniv.	452-3, C51-2	4.25	221-22 10th	.55			
1153-6 Wire	WRY	.90	221-22 10th	.55			
1205-6 Unesco	Same - Souv.		221-22 10th	.55			
1206-12 HR	Sheet	13.75	221-22 10th	.55			
Cuba	456-57, C153-60		221-22 10th	.55			
C193-4 Unesco	Red X	2.95	221-22 10th	.55			
Czechoslovakia	1960 UN	.90	221-22 10th	.55			
887-9 Unesco	Same Souv.		221-22 10th	.55			
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	277-8 ESCAPE	.25	221-22 10th	.55			
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	761-3 UN	.36	221-22 10th	.55			
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	818c, C429c	3.00	221-22 10th	.55			
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	Surinam		221-22 10th	.55			
	360-7 WRY	.50	221-22 10th	.55			
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	818c, C429c	3.00	221-22 10th	.55			
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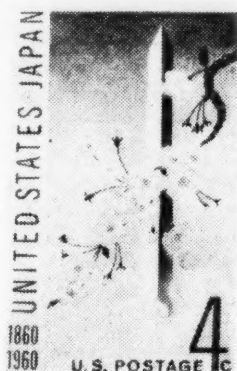
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Early this past spring, I received a telephone call from Ervine Metzl, member of the Art Advisory Board to the U.S. Post Office Department. He asked if I would be interested in designing a stamp commemorating 100 years since the first treaty was signed by the United States and Japan.



I had been hoping I would be invited to design a stamp ever since the Art Advisory Board was created several years ago, and since the subject was more than I could ever hope for, I enthusiastically answered yes. He said that President Eisenhower was personally very interested in the Centennial

stamp and encouraged the Post Office Department to issue it.

Mr. Metzl also pointed out that since I am an American of Japanese descent, it would seem appropriate that I design the stamp. I was most honored and flattered that the board selected me and I set to work, using all my energies to think of different ideas. I finally submitted 17 sketches altogether, of varying subjects.

We were all pleased with the subject matter in the sketch which was selected for the United States-Japan Centennial commemorative stamp. The design was to embody the idea of the United States as well as the idea of Japan.

What could be more suitable for this stamp than the Washington Monument and cherry blossoms incorporated into a pleasing design? The monument immediately symbolizes the United States and the cherry blossoms are symbolic of Japan.

Furthermore, they exist together in the city of Washington, the trees being a gift to Washington from the city of Tokyo.

From the approved rough sketch, I did the finished art work, refining each detail, and submitted it to the Post Office Department.

In celebrating this treaty between our country and Japan, the United States expressed her friendship with the people of Japan. I am most grateful for the opportunity given me as an American to show expression of my Japanese heritage in this stamp.

**JAPANESE REVENUES
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signs reminiscent of the "Tazawa" stamps were introduced.

Following the earthquake of September 1924, production of revenue stamps was seriously disrupted. Thus, as in the case with the postage issues, we have a delightful little set of "earthquake emergency" revenue stamps to fill the temporary gap. These have the same watermark of dashes as the corresponding postage issue.

Introduction of the familiar "zig-zag" watermark in the revenue stamps of 1915 corresponds approximately to its use on the postage stamps. The change in 1937 to "curved wavy lines" also corresponds.

Perforation varieties abound through all these issues and have not yet received nearly the study to which they are entitled. Following the war the chrysanthemum crest disappeared from revenue stamps and has not yet reappeared, as in postage stamps.

A number of other important groups of revenue stamps should at least be briefly mentioned. For about 15 years, beginning in 1875,

the government closely controlled the production of tobacco.

Approximately 100 different tobacco tax stamps and bands (of only two basic designs) were in use during this period. Most of these are now quite plentiful, though a few are extremely rare, and some are of doubtful existence.



Pharmaceuticals were taxed at a rate of 1 per cent during the years 1883-98. Special tax stamps, closely resembling the documentaries of the period, were affixed to each package or bottle. Medicine consumption must have been immense, since now, 70 years later, one can find examples of these stamps in every corner of the world.

At about the same time, Justice stamps were prepared for a tax on

legal documents. The design is of a seated figure of "Justice" encircled by a band noting the purpose of the stamp and its denomination. The value of the stamp used was determined by the amount of a given judgment.



With the exception of the ordinary documentary revenue stamps all the early categories have long been discontinued. However, in recent years new groups have appeared, including Trade Tax, Unemployment Insurance, Health Insurance, Inspection of Farm Products, Nation Annuity, Playing Cards, Imported Wines, Match Adjusting and others.

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19-34	17.00	149-53	6.50	187-8	1.00	C9-15	3.30
35-40	215.00	154	.35	189-91	2.20	C16-7	46.00
41-46	28.00	155	1.80	192-4	.70	C18-9	19.00
47-54	25.00	155A	6.80	195-6	1.00	C20-21	28.00
55-60	14.00	156-7	2.30	197-9	.60	C22-3	11.00
61-67	10.00	169-70	2.60	200-2	.60	C24-32	1.80
122-31	8.00	171-2	2.00	203-8	.80	C33-4	3.40
132-9	2.00	173	5.00	216-8	.75	J1-6	7.50
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8th MAIL SALE

Closing Date April 10th, 1961

General Auction Terms. Lots sold by mail only at a slight advance over second highest bid. Lots will be sent to bidders known to me, at close or sale, all others will be notified by mail. Lots, wholesale or retail, within 5 days. Recourse to return, likewise, lots described below the grade of "fine" are sold strictly without return. All stamps have original gum unless marked "NG" or "used".

KEY: * - unused, - used, E - estimate, Good, gd - may have defect.

UNITED STATES			BRITISH COLONIES		
Lot #	Scott #	Description	Lot #	Scott #	Description
101	2	Black grid	210	1	Aden & Australia 65 diff.
102	12	Blue can. faults	211	2	Br. Africa 96 diff. VG-VF
103	13	Good	212	3	Br. Africa 175 diff. G-VF
104	14	15 Lt. can. tiny tr.	213	4	Br. Africa 361 diff. VG-VF
105	15	22 Faults	214	5	Br. Africa 369 diff.
106	16	23 Fine	215	6	Br. Africa 369 diff.
107	17	63 5. 9 Faults	216	7	Br. Africa 369 diff.
108	18	67 Faults	217	8	Br. Africa 369 diff.
109	19	67 Paid can. tiny tr.	218	9	Br. Africa 369 diff.
110	20	71 Fine	219	10	Br. Africa 369 diff.
111	21	76a Lt. can. VG	220	11	Br. Africa 369 diff.
112	22	77 Cent. VF	221	12	Br. Africa 369 diff.
113	23	113 4 VG	222	13	Br. Africa 369 diff.
114	24	137 Nice appr. clo. tr.	223	14	Br. Africa 369 diff.
115	25	140 Lt. can. oc. VF	224	15	Br. Africa 369 diff.
116	26	145 47 Good	225	16	Br. Africa 369 diff.
117	27	148 Fancy can. 2 cop.	226	17	Br. Africa 369 diff.
118	28	153 Cl. tr.	227	18	Br. Africa 369 diff.
119	29	155 Good average	228	19	Br. Africa 369 diff.
120	30	159 2 cop. 1 red. 1 numeral	229	20	Br. Africa 369 diff.
121	31	160 Fine	230	21	Br. Africa 369 diff.
122	32	163 Faults	231	22	Br. Africa 369 diff.
123	33	168 Faults	232	23	Br. Africa 369 diff.
124	34	182-87 VG-F	233	24	Br. Africa 369 diff.
125	35	189 3 cop. P	234	25	Br. Africa 369 diff.
126	36	190 2 cop. P	235	26	Br. Africa 369 diff.
127	37	191 Faults	236	27	Br. Africa 369 diff.
128	38	212 13 Un 1 OG F	237	28	Br. Africa 369 diff.
129	39	214 Cent. pinhole	238	29	Br. Africa 369 diff.
130	40	229 Fine	239	30	Br. Africa 369 diff.
131	41	230-35 3 sets, faults	240	31	Br. Africa 369 diff.
132	42	239 Fine	241	32	Br. Africa 369 diff.
133	43	240 Fine	242	33	Br. Africa 369 diff.
134	44	241 Fine	243	34	Br. Africa 369 diff.
135	45	242 Fine	244	35	Br. Africa 369 diff.
136	46	243 Fine	245	36	Br. Africa 369 diff.
137	47	244 Fine	246	37	Br. Africa 369 diff.
138	48	245 Fine	247	38	Br. Africa 369 diff.
139	49	246 Fine	248	39	Br. Africa 369 diff.
140	50	247 Fine	249	40	Br. Africa 369 diff.
141	51	248 Fine	250	41	Br. Africa 369 diff.
142	52	249 Fine	251	42	Br. Africa 369 diff.
143	53	250 Fine	252	43	Br. Africa 369 diff.
144	54	251 Fine	253	44	Br. Africa 369 diff.
145	55	252 Fine	254	45	Br. Africa 369 diff.
146	56	253 Fine	255	46	Br. Africa 369 diff.
147	57	254 Fine	256	47	Br. Africa 369 diff.
148	58	255 Fine	257	48	Br. Africa 369 diff.
149	59	256 Fine	258	49	Br. Africa 369 diff.
150	60	257 Fine	259	50	Br. Africa 369 diff.

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Lot #	Scott #	Description	Lot #	Scott #	Description
471	1	Ger. E. Air. 6/41 16 diff.	541	1	Italy War issues, 81 diff.
472	2	Ger. S. W. Air. 13/29	542	2	Japan 1 VF
473	3	Ger. N. Guinea, Caroline, 17 diff. F-VF	543	3	Japan 2 VF
474	4	Guatemala 1/24 59 diff.	544	4	Japan 3 VF
475	5	6 Fine	545	5	Japan 4 VF
476	6	132-164 35 var. F-VF	546	6	Japan 5 VF
477	7	166-190 27 var. F-VF	547	7	Japan 6 VF
478	8	193-217 35 var. F-VF	548	8	Japan 7 VF
479	9	219-244 12 diff. F-VF	549	9	Japan 8 VF
480	10	219-244 12 diff. F-VF	550	10	Japan 9 VF
481	11	C136 180a Min. sheets, supp.	551	11	Japan 10 VF
482	12	C125/COB 71 diff. F-VF	552	12	Japan 11 VF
483	13	El/229 42 diff. F-VF	553	13	Japan 12 VF
484	14	Guinea Rep. 43 diff. F-VF	554	14	Japan 13 VF
485	15	5/105 40 diff. VG-VF	555	15	Japan 14 VF
486	16	7/25 11 diff. VG-VF	556	16	Japan 15 VF
487	17	26/64 38 diff. VG-VF	557	17	Japan 16 VF
488	18	67/109 49 diff. F-VF	558	18	Japan 17 VF
489	19	172/168 29 diff. F-VF	559	19	Japan 18 VF
490	20	172/168 29 diff. F-VF	560	20	Japan 19 VF
491	21	172/168 29 diff. F-VF	561	21	Japan 20 VF
492	22	172/168 29 diff. F-VF	562	22	Japan 21 VF
493	23	172/168 29 diff. F-VF	563	23	Japan 22 VF
494	24	172/168 29 diff. F-VF	564	24	Japan 23 VF
495	25	172/168 29 diff. F-VF	565	25	Japan 24 VF
496	26	172/168 29 diff. F-VF	566	26	Japan 25 VF
497	27	172/168 29 diff. F-VF	567	27	Japan 26 VF
498	28	172/168 29 diff. F-VF	568	28	Japan 27 VF
499	29	172/168 29 diff. F-VF	569	29	Japan 28 VF
500	30	172/168 29 diff. F-VF	570	30	Japan 29 VF

END OF SALE - THANK YOU

Use extra sheet of paper for submitting bids.

Hungarian Health And Castles Sets

The second group of ten "Castles" definitives was released by Hungary March 3, the first such set having appeared February 1, 1960. Printing is by photogravure, with stamps issued both perforated and imperforated.

Details include: 10 filler orange brown, Kisvarda Castle; 12f. violet, Szigliget; 40f. green, Simon Tornya; 50f. sepia, Fuzer; and 80f. purple brown, Egervar.



Forint values are 1f. blue, Vitan Castle; 1.20f. purple, Sirok; 2f. olive, Boldogko; 2.60f. blue green, Holoko; and 4f. violet, courtyard of Eger Castle.

March 17 brought a set of six Health stamps in four-color offset with each design featuring a red cross in a white triangle. The 30f. shows a child chasing a butterfly, and 40f., a man on an operating table. These two values are in small format, 22mm square.



The remaining four are larger—30 x 35.5mm: 60f., ambulance and stretcher; 1f., traffic light and scooter; 1.70f., hypodermic syringe; and 4f., emblem of Health Information Service.

Quantities printed were 500,000 sets perf and 15,000 sets imperf according to the official news release.

INNOCENT FORGERIES (Continued from page 10)

me about her card, she sent only a description. After the "copy problem" came up, she sent me her card to compare with my own, and on actual sight it became immediately obvious that her card was a reproduction.

The number of copies produced (more than 15 years ago) is not known, but it was probably fairly great, considering the purpose of the reproduction (for which, by the way, all philatelists will excuse Boys Town, even though some of them were later fooled—as the reader will later note).

The copies are very easily distinguished from an original, primarily by their "too neat" appearance. Of course, since the original card is at Boys Town, any extant prisoner-of-war from Bob F. Paradise addressed to Rev. E. J. Flanagan, Boys Town, and dated on the back (by the sender) 20-2-43, must be presumed a reproduction.

The copies were printed by lithography in blue, red and black—red

and blue on the obverse and black and blue on the reverse. On the front of the originals there are printed six words, one rectangle, three address lines, and the Japanese words for "postcard" (yubin hagaki), all in black.

These are in dark blue on the reproductions, the same color used for the handwritten portions and the handstamp of the Taiwan Prisoner Internment Camp censor at the left. This handstamp on my original is in violet, as is the large vertical Japanese four-character handstamp at upper right reading furyo yubin (prisoner mail). This latter handstamp is in red on the copies.

On the back of the card the printed portions are faithfully reproduced in black on the reproductions, as they appear on the originals, and the handwritten portions are in dark blue. The handwriting on my card from the English corporal is in what looks like "blue-black" ink, but Mr. Paradise may have used some other color.

The most substantial difference between the originals and the copies, however, is in the paper stock.

Originals are on soft, absorbent, relatively thin stock less sturdy than an ordinary U.S. postal card. The reproductions are on much thicker, smooth and stiff manila cardboard of about the same weight as a U.S. postal card.

Of course, since it developed that many reproductions of the Bob F. Paradise POW card were made, I felt that it was necessary to call this fact to the attention of ISJP members through a short article in the October 1960 issue of Japanese Philately. At the end of this article I asked members to report to me any copies of these "innocent forgeries" that they may have.

I received five replies which, including Miss Mullenix's brought to six to the number of these fakes held by ISJP members. One member reported that he actually thought he had the genuine article, and the others said that they figured something was "fishy" about the cards, but they didn't know what.

Now they know! And two members even donated their copies to me, one of which bore a tiny, lightly-pencilled notation in one corner, ".75"!

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1 Pl. I, laid	8.25		40-4	2.25		261a	.35		518	.25	
1 Pl. I, laid	6.00		41-5	14.50	1.35	276/9	1.50		518a	2.00	
1 Pl. I, laid	12.00		41-7		5.00	280/3	1.20		519/20	.50	
2nd. Qual.	1.00		41-8		6.25	283a	1.60	.85	521/2	.50	
1 Pl. I, laid	6.25	6.25	41-12		3.75	285/8	1.40	1.50	523/4	.50	
1 Pl. I, laid	9.00		41-13	4.00	.95	288a	1.60	1.50	525/8	.50	
1 Pl. I, laid	12.50	12.50	41-14	4.50	.95	290/3	3.00	1.00	528a	.60	
1 Pl. I, laid	25.00		41-15	4.50	.95	293a	5.50	6.00	529/30	.45	.25
2nd. Qual.	1.00		41-16	4.75	.95	295/8	1.10		531/2	.55	.40
1 Pl. I, laid	11.00	11.00	41-17	4.50	.95	299/302	.70		533/5	.85	.50
1 Pl. I, laid	12.00	12.00	42-1	7.25	1.50	303/6	1.50	1.25	536/41	2.00	
1 Pl. I, laid	11.00	11.00	42-2	14.00	1.75	306a	6.75		541A/B	6.50	
1 Pl. I, laid	45.00	30.00	42-3	14.00	1.50	308/11	1.35	1.20	542/3	.55	.45
1 Yellow gr.	30.00	30.00	43-10	12.00	2.00	311a	5.75		544/5	.55	.45
1 Pl. I, laid	25.00	20.00	43-11	11.50	2.00	313/14	.10	.10	546a	.15	
1 Pl. I, laid	18.50		43-13	12.50	2.20	315/18	.85		547/8	.45	
1 Pl. I, laid	24.00		43-14	15.00		318a	1.25	1.25	549/50	.65	.05
1 Pl. I, laid	24.50		43-16	9.00	2.00	320/23	.85		551	.20	.06
1 Pl. I, laid	38.00		43-17	8.50	1.75	323a	1.25	1.25	551a	1.00	
1 Pl. I, laid	75.00		44-19	8.50	1.75	325/42	.50		552/3	.65	.50
1 Pl. I, laid	7.00	7.00	44-20	8.50	1.50	343/6	.40		554/5	.65	.50
1 Pl. I, laid	10.00	12.00	44-21	10.00	1.85	347	.12		556	.18	.03
1 Pl. I, laid	45.00		44-22	150.00	37.50	348	.08		557/60	.32	.08
1 Pl. I, laid	20.00	17.50	45-4	8.50	1.90	349/50	.40		561/4	1.05	
1 Pl. I, laid	24.00		45-5	17.50	3.51/61	1.40			564a	1.00	
1 Pl. I, laid	17.50		46-1	10.00	4.50	353a	.15		565	.60	.40
1 Pl. I, laid	22.50		46-2	15.00	5.50	354A	.65		566	.20	.03
1 Pl. I, laid	1.10	.85	46-3		35.00	358a	.40	.50	567/8	.55	.45
1 Pl. I, laid	1.10	.85	47-1	10.00	5.50	362/8	.40		569/72	.80	
1 Pl. I, laid	4.00	1.75	47-2	12.00	6.00	367a	.55		572a	1.10	
1 Pl. I, laid	1.75		47-3	15.00	9.00	369/70	1.80	.10	573/5	.55	.45
1 Pl. I, laid	3.25	.75	48	4.50	1.50	371/2	2.00	.10	575a	1.20	1.50
1 Pl. I, laid	4.50	1.00	49-2	12.50	3.85	373/4	.12		576	.15	
1 Pl. I, laid	2.50	.75	49-3	14.00	5.00	375/8	.75		577	.28	
1 Pl. I, laid	7.75	2.50	49-4	16.00	6.00	380/1	.12		578/9	.40	
1 Pl. I, laid	7.00		50-1	16.00	8.00	382/3	.24		580a	1.75	
1 Pl. I, laid	9.50	2.75	50-2	50.00	19.00	381a	.15		580b	1.50	
1 Pl. I, laid	11.00		50-3	22.50	14.00	384/7	.25		581/2	.50	.25
1 Pl. I, laid		2.50	51	20.00	385a	1.25			582a	.40	
1 Pl. I, laid	6.50	2.50	51 2nd. Qual.		7.50	388	.45		583/4	.45	.05
1 Pl. I, laid	6.50	.70	52 t. I or II	11.00	2.75	389/90	.06		585/6	.40	.25
1 Pl. I, laid	34.00	2.25	53	3.00	.75	391/2	.15		586a	.30	.25
1 Pl. I, laid		7.50	54	2.50	.45	393	.35		587/8	.45	.30
1 Pl. I, laid	5.75	.85	54A	17.50	7.50	394	.12		589/90	.60	
1 Pl. I, laid	7.50	1.00	Prices for No. 1 through 54A as listed above are for fine average copies. Very fine stamps ask for a premium; heavily cancelled or without gum or off center can be supplied at much lower prices. Covers of these issues will be sent on approval. Blocks of four, strips or pairs can be submitted to interested parties, also Mison overprints (Specimen). Of the following issues which are listed here in complete sets, singles can be supplied, mint or used, per want list. This is about the largest stock of early Japan to be broken up during the last several years. Take advantage of this opportunity.	72.50	32.50	395	.10	.15	591	.30	.15
1 Pl. I, laid	20.00	1.45				396	.25	.30	592/3	.40	.20
1 Pl. I, laid	27.50	3.00				397/400	1.60		593a	.30	
1 Pl. I, laid	17.50	6.50				401	.15	.25	594	.10	
1 Pl. I, laid		16.00				402	.20	.25	594a	.45	
1 Pl. I, laid		10.00				403	.10	.06	595	.30	
1 Pl. I, laid	20.00	7.50				404/5	.30	.06	596	.10	
1 Pl. I, laid		95.00				406	.08	.05	597	.20	
1 Pl. I, laid		110.00				407	.80	.90	599	.20	.10
1 Pl. I, laid						408	.45	.45	600/1	.30	
1 Pl. I, laid		7.00				409	.20		601a	.25	
1 Pl. I, laid		7.00				410	.20	.30	602/3	.35	
1 Pl. I, laid		6.50				411	.20	.30	604/5	.40	
1 Pl. I, laid						412	.15	.15	606	.10	.05
1 Pl. I, laid						413/4	.15		606a	.40	
1 Pl. I, laid						415	.35		607/8	.20	.10
1 Pl. I, laid						416	.18	.15	608a	.25	
1 Pl. I, laid						417	.18	.15	609	2.00	.05
1 Pl. I, laid						418/21	1.45	1.20	610	.20	.15
1 Pl. I, laid						422	1.00	.75	612/13	.20	.15
1 Pl. I, laid						422a	5.00		613a	.25	
1 Pl. I, laid						423	.75	.80	614/15	.20	
1 Pl. I, laid						424	.15		616	.25	
1 Pl. I, laid						425/34	2.95		617	.06	.05
1 Pl. I, laid						427a	2.75		617a	.30	
1 Pl. I, laid						435/6	7.50	.15	618	.10	.06
1 Pl. I, laid						437	.30	.35	619	.10	.06
1 Pl. I, laid						430a	3.75		620	.06	.05
1 Pl. I, laid						438	.30		621	.25	.05
1 Pl. I, laid						439/42	2.00		622	.35	.03
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1 Pl. I, laid						450/3	.85		628/9	.15	
1 Pl. I, laid						453a	.60		630	.20	.12
1 Pl. I, laid						455	.20	.10	631	.15	.10
1 Pl. I, laid						456	2.25	2.50	632	.14	
1 Pl. I, laid						456a	.20	.20	633	.08	
1 Pl. I, laid						457	2.50		634	.06	.04
1 Pl. I, laid						457a	2.00	2.00	634a	.25	
1 Pl. I, laid						458	.12	.08	635	.15	.08
1 Pl. I, laid						459	.12	.08	636	.10	
1 Pl. I, laid						460/63	.55		636A	.14	
1 Pl. I, laid						463a	.60		637	.10	
1 Pl. I, laid						465	.30	.20	638	.07	.04
1 Pl. I, laid						466	.30	.20	639/40	.08	.06
1 Pl. I, laid						467	.20	.15	641	.08	
1 Pl. I, laid						468	.35	.20	642	.06	.05
1 Pl. I, laid						469	.15		643	.06	.05
1 Pl. I, laid						470/3	.75	.60	644	.05	
1 Pl. I, laid						474/7	.75		644a	.25	
1 Pl. I, laid						475a	.15	.20	645	.06	.05
1 Pl. I, laid						478	.15	.10	646	.06	.05
1 Pl. I, laid						479	.15	.10	647	.06	.05
1 Pl. I, laid						479a	1.00	.70	648/51	.25	.20
1 Pl. I, laid						480/97	5.00		652	.06	.05
1 Pl. I, laid						498	2.25	.95	653/4	.10	.08
1 Pl. I, laid						498a	.12	.10	655	.06	.05
1 Pl. I, laid						499	.12	.10	656	.12	.08
1 Pl. I, laid						500	.10	.08	657/8	.06	
1 Pl. I, laid						501/4	.55		659	.06	
1 Pl. I, laid						504a	.60	.65	660	.06	
1 Pl. I, laid						505/8	4.75	2.60	661	.06	
1 Pl. I, laid						509	.22	.12	662a	.25	
1 Pl. I, laid						509a	.25		663	.06	
1 Pl. I, laid						510	.12	.05	664/5	.10	
1 Pl. I, laid						510a	.60		666	.15	
1 Pl. I, laid						511/12	.70	.35	668a	.06	
1 Pl. I, laid						513/14	.35		667/70	.30	.25
1 Pl. I, laid						513a	.85		671	.06	
1 Pl. I, laid						514a	.20	.30	672	.06	
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Earl P. L. Apfelbaum of the auction firm at 1416 S. Penn Sq., Philadelphia 2, Pa. advises that he and Mrs. Apfelbaum will be traveling extensively through Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky, and Wisconsin beginning early in April. They request collectors with material for sale to write them about plans for a visit on the trip.

A mutual friend reports that classified advertiser R. T. Fiske of Westfield, N. Y. will be "out of circulation" for a while. He was operated on March 14 at the Hammett Hospital, Erie, Pa., and it will be a few weeks before he can resume full business operations. Correspondents and patrons are asked to be sympathetic with his unwilling "slowdown".

Collectors of the various issues of Portugal are referred to the February 20 display ad of Barjan Stamps, Box 505, Long Beach, N.Y. in which two special issues of that country are offered in a lot. Correctly, they are Nos. 254 and 255, instead of the all-numeral listings shown there. The price quoted for the two items is correct as shown in that ad.

Of special appeal to the condition-conscious collector who also has an eye for better material and rarities is the April 4-7 auction by Harmer, Rooke & Co., Inc., 560 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N. Y. The firm is offering the "T. Charleton Henry" British West Indies collection, featuring stamps and covers in many varieties, all in strictly top condition.



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Mar. 25-26—GRAPHEX '61, Grant County Stamp Club, YMCA, Marion, Ind.
Mar. 31-Apr. 1—Landowne Stamp Club, Friends' School, Lansdowne, Pa.
Apr. 8-9—Rockford Stamp Club, Lafayette Hotel, Rockford, Ill.
Apr. 8-9—Wayne Stamp Society, Cannon Memorial Recreation Center, Detroit, Mich.
Apr. 9—Hobby Show, Newton Falls Coin Club, Community Bldg., Quarry St., Newton Falls, Ohio.
Apr. 15-16—North Toronto Stamp Club, North Toronto Memorial Garden, 180 Eglinton Ave. West, Toronto, Ont., Can.
Apr. 15-16—Chillicothe Philatelic Society, Central School, Chillicothe, Ohio.
April 16—Farmington Valley Stamp Club, High School, Unionville, Conn.

Two Stamps, Special Cancel From Iceland

On April 11, a new set of two postage stamps will be issued by the Icelandic Postal Administration, bearing the same design as the set issued December 9, 1958—the old Government Building in Reykjavik. The new denominations are 1.50Kr. blue and 3Kr. red brown. The stamps are in sheets of 50, printed by Courvoisier of Switzerland.



On the same day (April 11) Iceland will also note "The Postage Stamp Day" (in Icelandic DAGUR FRIMERKISINS) and a special cancellation stamp will be used at the Head Post Office in Reykjavik. The Day of the Postage Stamp is sponsored by the Felag Frimerkjafanara (the Philatelic Society) of Reykjavik and the stamp clubs of the Junior's League of the same city.

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The above details were supplied by Linn's Iceland correspondent, Jonas Hallgrímsson, Box 1116, Reykjavik, Iceland. He added that he contemplates a visit to New York for 20-30 days beginning in mid-April, and suggests that readers with special Iceland wants write him immediately.

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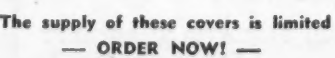
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17	140	140	54	E4	8.00	8.00		29	2.00		85-88	1.50		67	used	1.50	
18	400	400	55	E5	15	15		30	2.00		89-92	1.50		68	used	1.50	
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21	10	08	58	E8	1.00	1.00		33	2.00		101-104	1.50		71	used	1.50	
22	18	12	59	E9	1.00	1.00		34	2.00		105-108	1.50		72	used	1.50	
23	30	27	60	E10	1.00	1.00		35	2.00		109-112	1.50		73	used	1.50	
24	60	52	61	E11	1.00	1.00		36	2.00		113-116	1.50		74	used	1.50	
25	100	75	62	E12	1.00	1.00		37	2.00		117-120	1.50		75	used	1.50	
26	155	95	63	E13	1.00	1.00		38	2.00		121-124	1.50		76	used	1.50	
27	50	45	64	E14	1.00	1.00		39	2.00		125-128	1.50		77	used	1.50	
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30	35	35	67	E17	1.00	1.00		42	2.00		137-140	1.50		80	used	1.50	
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17	140	140	54	E4	8.00	8.00		29	2.00		85-88	1.50		67	used	1.50	
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Evaluation Of Japanese 1957-59 Stamp Designs

O. L. Harvey

Japan continued in 1957 to produce stamps in variety; her designs and methods of reproduction never grow stale. The first few issues of 1957, for example, include a toy whale in bright photogravure, two lovely engravings of Phoenix Hall, and a highly symbolic stamp commemorating Japan's admittance to the United Nations.

Among the photogravures issued during 1957 and 1958, the art reproductions—lady with ball and lady with sunshade—are undoubtedly the most satisfying as regards color and design and the most interesting in terms of printing techniques. I sincerely wish that the letter-writing-week commems had been printed in this same fashion.

Next I would place the New Year's Day stamps, for their cheerful imagery. The Asian games set is too slick for favorable comment; the engraved sports stamps are definitely superior.

The IGY stamp, reflecting the cold and loneliness of the polar waste lands, and done in the same manner as the Asian Games set, is markedly superior in its ability to evoke sympathetic emotions.

The atomic reactor could just as well be a refrigerator, but the tunnel stamp is delightfully exciting. The superimposition of new upon old, as in the blast furnace illustration, is never a very satisfactory device; here the misjudgement is compounded by separating the ends of the century with a scroll of papers.

A stethoscope may well represent medical services, but would not the illustration be more interesting if not so severely symbolic? The human rights symbol is much more vivid.

The child welfare picture is well intentioned, but the figures of the children themselves are too small, and the ribbon is not an effective symbol. The Brazilian emigration symbol is much more appropriate—indeed, a clever and artistic design.

The Sado-Yahiko park pair is so obviously tourist labels that one wishes they had not been printed for postage. The Keio University item, by contrast, is a suitable one, though perhaps a little lacking in imagination.

Turning now to 1959, the outstanding event, of course, was the royal wedding. Here my only regret is the selection of printing methods. You will note that to get that wonderfully fine detail so characteristic of Japan's outstanding stamps, the portraits were engraved.

Under the circumstances, I am even willing to accept the delicate photogravure work in the upper corners. But can you imagine how exquisitely lovely those fans would have seemed if they too had been engraved!

Perhaps my color sense is inadequate, but I cannot like the tractor stamp, and the caves and other photogravured scenic stamps seem to me simply garish. The engraving of Fujiyama in various colors, by contrast, is one of the most attractive stamps that Japan has ever issued, and the engraver is a master.

The air-transport design (also engraved) is exceptional. Despite its western fashion, it remains strictly oriental in its concepts. The outline, in the shape of a seal, is unusual.

The vivid map of southeast Asia regrettably shows no direct tie with the Buddha. The Red Cross stamp is

pedestrian. The chemist's paraphernalia (metric law stamp) are no more exciting than the stethoscope of 1958. But the PTA book stamp is unusual.

Exciting and typically Japanese is the golden fish item, but I like to think how much more effective it might have been if confined to the fish, and engraved.

The tonal possibilities of modern photogravure too often tempt designers into over-elaboration. What would look better simple, deteriorates into a sort of neo-baroque which, were it not so obviously inappropriate, would be plain ugly.

If the Japanese authorities will forgive my impertinence, I would urge them to avoid jam-bar labels (which surely only the aesthetically illiterate can enjoy!) and revert to the beautiful characteristics of their earlier best designs.

Believe it or not, I find the typographed 10 yen Kannon regular stamp a more dignified and beautiful design than almost any of the colorful Park issues of recent years. And I look upon the stamp-week items as among the loveliest in philately.

One more thing, isn't it about time to limit all wording to Japanese?

(Editor's note: The above review appeared in a recent issue of the ISJP "Japanese Philately". Appended was the following comment by that journal's editor, R. P. Alexander:

(The remarks by Mr. Harvey are by a technically qualified observer, and can be considered objective, for Mr. Harvey is not a collector of Japanese stamps! But everybody does not see things through the same pair of eyes, and your editor thought he would express his own personal opinions, just for the sake of argument.)

(He realizes that it puts him in the class of the "aesthetically illiterate", but is willing to admit it. He will not take you for another tour of all the 1957, 1958 and 1959 issues, but would like to point out a few of his personal favorites, without giving reasons.)

(His first choice is the 1959 International Letter Writing Week stamp, followed by that for 1958; then come the large philatelic week stamps. He agrees with Mr. Harvey that the 1959 Mt. Fuji natural parks day stamp is a gem, but the 1959 "New Japan" essay from which it was derived is even more beautiful.)

(Now comes the shocker: He actually likes the quasi-national park issues, for all their garishness; he just does. And so much for your editor's artistic comments!)

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Japanese Philately On Rise, But Old Roadblock Still Interferes

Fred H. Campbell

The time has come for philatelic literature to satisfy the appetite for knowledge of Japanese stamps generated by the great philatelic demand for the postal paper of that exotic country. Japan is no longer a forgotten land for collectors. It is today one of the most popular countries, perhaps rivaling such johnny-come-latelys as Ghana, Israel and the United Nations.

The current popularity of Japanese stamps is not difficult to explain. These issues are produced by a country that for many Americans is a source of fond memories.

It has been estimated that nearly 1,500,000 citizens of the United States have lived for some period of time in Japan, either during military service or while civilians in governmental or private capacities.

Another reason for the popularity of Japanese stamps is their high artistic quality. Stretching back to the first Japanese commemorative, issued in 1894, the Japanese postal authorities have taken pains to depict accurately the life and customs of their country.

There have been some notable digressions from this policy—for one, the obscure Judicial Protection Day Issue of 1947. But who can deny the beauty and appropriateness of the National Parks issues, the Sports sets, the Tourist Proagona issues, the New Year stamps, the famous Japanese series, or the striking reproductions in full color of Japanese prints?

With the mounting demand for Japanese stamps, there has been a corresponding appetite for philatelic literature in Western languages, particularly English. One of the first to appreciate the scarcity of information in English on Japanese stamps was Capt. William H. Talbot of Winnipeg, Canada.

In 1945 he founded the study group from which the International Society for Japanese Philately has grown. ISJP has gradually expanded the content of its bimonthly journal "Japanese Philately" and some noteworthy firsts have been scored by it.

These include the translation and annotation of Dr. Choichi Nakagawa's "The Syllabic Numerical Cancellations of Japan"; R. M. Spaulding, Jr.'s, "Catalogue of Japanese Postal Stationery" and Margaret Marcus' exhaustive study, "A Philatelic Survey of Japanese Fine Arts".

However, the efforts of ISJP cannot stand alone, nor can "Japanese Philately", as a periodical, hope to give the continuity of a book to a study of Japanese stamps.

The first such comprehensive effort was Tracey Woodward's "The Postage Stamps of Japan and Dependencies", published in a limited two-volume edition in 1928 at Mr. Woodward's personal expense.

This book, in English, is now extremely rare: Whenever the two-volume set appears on the auction market, bidding is spirited and the books are usually knocked down for approximately \$350.

Also of recent vintage is Dr. Soichi Ichida's handbook "The Dragon Stamps of Japan", which has received favorable mention in the philatelic press. This book is excellent, as far as it goes. It is also understood that Dr. Ichida is preparing another handbook on the Cherry Blossom issues of 1872-1876.

When published, this work should be a significant contribution to the philatelic literature on Japanese stamps, in as much as Dr. Ichida intends to deal extensively with the various forgeries of the Cherry Blossom issues.

Niether Dr. Ichida's book on the Dragon Stamps nor his proposed book on the Cherry Blossom adhesives answers the real need. Neither book is comprehensive in its treatment of all aspects of Japanese philately.

To some extent at least, Yokiti Yamamoto's little book in English, "Japanese Postage Stamps" (Vol-

ume 30, Tourist Library Series) is representative of the type of book the author of this article recommends, but only to some extent.

The Yamamoto book is descriptive but hardly scholarly in its treatment of Japanese stamps. It also suffers from the same frailty as Woodward, that of being out-of-date.

The listings in the various catalogs of the world, which are printed in English, do no more than briefly describe and price the stamps of Japan. In the author's opinion, the best of these catalogs, by far, respecting Japanese listings, is Minkus Publications' "World-Wide Postage Stamp Catalogue".

This is undoubtedly true because three of the outstanding Japanese specialists in the world contributed heavily to the listings in it. These men, Robert P. Alexander, Harold E. M. Bradshaw and Robert M. Spaulding, Jr., are active members of ISJP.

For years the standard statement in the Scott Catalogue has been, "Counterfeits of Nos. 1 to 108 are plentiful. Some of them are excellent and deceive many collec-

tors". This statement has done more to scare off people from collecting Japanese stamps, especially the early issues, than perhaps any other public statements.

Of course it is true that there are many forgeries of Japanese stamps.

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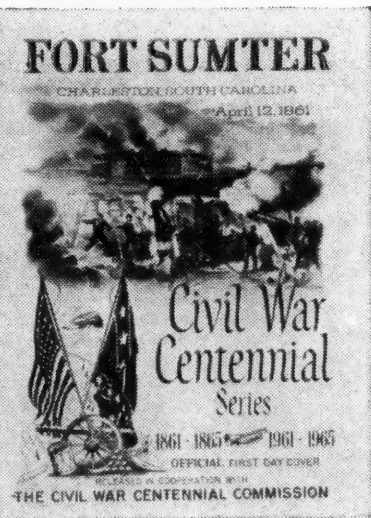
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The 1860 sketch from which the design of Japan's May 17, 1960 30 yen treaty stamp was derived is shown above in full width. The three central figures are President Buchanan, interpreter Anton L. C. Portman (English to Dutch), and interpreter Gohachiro Namura (Dutch to Japanese). At far right are ten lesser officials of the Japanese delegation. According to one eye-witness account, Senior Ambassador Shimmi was waiting in an anteroom while the above phase of the ceremony took place.

What Became Of Secretary Of State Cass? The Men On The 30 Yen Treaty Stamp Of 1960

Robert M. Spaulding, Jr.

On May 17, 1960, Japan issued two stamps, in denominations of 10 and 30 yen (domestic and international letter rates respectively), inscribed "Nichi-Bei Shuku Tsusho Hyaku Nen Kinen 1960", that is, "Commemorating the Centennial of Japanese-American Amity and Commerce, 1960".

Though the dispute in May and June of 1960 over ratification of a new Japanese-American defense treaty and the cancellation of the American President's visit to Japan gave it a somewhat hollow sound, the phrase "amity and commerce" referred of course to the treaty signed in Edo (Tokyo) July 29, 1858.

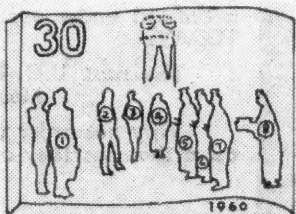
This treaty, negotiated by Townsend Harris, remained in force for forty years (to July 17, 1899) and some parts of it were applicable until 1911. It became effective July 4, 1859, even though formal exchange of ratifications did not take place until May 22, 1860.

The 1960 Japanese stamps commemorate the centennial of the trip of a special Japanese embassy to the United States for the purpose of exchanging these ratifications.

From the viewpoint of either the historian or the philatelist, there are several aspects of this commemoration which need clarifying, but the present article will deal only with the design of the 30y. stamp of the 1960 series.



This design is officially credited to YAMANOUCHI Takao of the Government Printing Bureau in Tokyo, but the picture which forms the chief element of the design is a direct copy of a sketch published in the May 26, 1860 issue of Harper's Weekly and later reprinted in several American and Japanese books.



It has been widely reported that the design comes from a sketch published in Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, but this is incorrect.

The original drawing, measuring 353 x 234mm (approximately 14 1/4 x 9 inches), fills page 329 of Volume IV Number 178 (issue May 26, 1860) of

Harper's Weekly, then a well-known "family newspaper" published in New York City and proclaiming itself to be "the best and cheapest family newspaper in the world".

It has been assumed by many and asserted in print by a few that the 30y. stamp portrays the exchange of treaty ratifications. It does not. Ratifications were exchanged at the State Department May 22, 1860.

The scene on the stamp took place five days earlier: the audience of the Japanese ambassadors with President James Buchanan in the massive East Room of the White House on May 17, 1860.

In this audience, the senior ambassador presented to the President the credentials of the embassy (contained in the box held by the man at far right in the stamp design).

The principal document involved was a letter from the Shogun to the President, dated Ansai 7.1.16 (February 7, 1860), and naming the three ambassadors sent to exchange ratifications of the treaty. For some unknown reason, contemporary American newspaper accounts of the letter and many Japanese quotations of it omit the name of the third ambassador.

This has confused many historians, but all three names appear in the Japanese original and in the official English and Dutch translations submitted to the United States Government at the time.

By its own statement, Harper's Weekly had more than one artist present at the audience of May 17, but the paper disclosed no names and there is no signature in the sketch, so the name of the artist is unknown. Nor did the paper describe the sketch or identify the people shown in it.

However, it is possible from descriptions of the audience in this and other papers and in the diary kept by the second-ranking Japanese ambassador to piece together a fairly detailed account of the occasion, and to identify the principal figures portrayed. In the following paragraphs, the men are listed as

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The 1860 Kanrin Maru And Powhatan Crossings

The "Kanrin Maru", the ship shown on the 10 yen Japan-U.S. Friendship stamp issued May 17, 1960, left Uraga on February 10, 1860 and arrived in San Francisco on March 17. None of the Japanese shown on the 30y. stamp of the same set was on the Kanrin Maru; they all travelled on the "U.S.S. Powhatan".

Among those who were on the Kanrin Maru, however, was FUKU-ZAWA Yukichi, who is pictured on one of the Culteral Leaders stamps. The people on the Kanrin Maru went only to San Francisco. They did not go east to Washington or anywhere else, merely staying a while in San Francisco and then sailing back to Japan (leaving May 7 and arriving July 1, 1860).

The Japanese pictured on the 30y. stamp left Shinagawa on the Powhatan on February 9, 1860, the day before the Kanrin Maru sailed from Uraga.

However, the Powhatan did not immediately set across the Pacific; she stopped at Kanagawa (the present-day Yokohama) and did not leave there until February 13, which may be regarded as the actual date of departure from Japan.

The Powhatan stopped at Honolulu for nearly two weeks, then came on to San Francisco, arriving there March 29, twelve days after the Kanrin Maru arrived. The Powhatan stayed in San Francisco until April 7, then sailed south to Panama City.

The members of the embassy and a few American naval escort officers then got off, went by rail to Colon and reembarked on the "U.S.S. Roanoke" on the Caribbean side of the isthmus. The Roanoke sailed on April 26 and took the embassy as far as Hampton Roads.

There, on May 9, the embassy transferred to the "U.S.S. Philadelphia". This ship left Hampton Roads on May 13, stopped off Mount Vernon the next day and that noon put the embassy ashore at the Washington Navy Yard.

The delegation met with Secretary of State Lewis Cass on May 16, and was received in audience by President Buchanan the next day (the scene shown on the 30y. stamp).

On May 22 it went back to the State Department and exchanged the ratifications of the treaty — which had already gone into effect a year earlier.

The embassy later travelled to Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York, and went back to Japan on the "U.S.S. Niagara" by way of the Cape of Good Hope, arriving in Tokyo (then called Edo) November 9, 1860 and going ashore the following day.



On the afternoon of May 24, 1860 the Japanese Mission returned to the Washington Navy Yard for an official visit, on which occasion the famous photographer Matthew Brady made the above photograph. Standing behind the six seated visitors are (in uniform, left to right) Lt. Nicholson, Lt. Lewis, Lt. (later Adm.) Porter, Capt. Dupont, Capt. Franklin Buchanan, and Lt. Maury. In top hats are Lt. Simms (center) and Paymaster Allison (far right). Photo, Bob Jones Collection

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665-66	Assembly	2.60 1.50	6N16-29	Pictorials	2.50 .50
667-8, B309	Centenary	6.00 6.00	6N87-9	Goethe	1.75 2.00
669	U.P.U.	1.85 1.45	6N14-27	Pictorials	2.50 .60
670-85	Posthorn	32.50 .50	6N28-37	Pictorials	17.60 10.00
686	Roentgen	2.00 .25	6N1-20	Bk. Opts.	34.00 5.00
693	Reis	1.05 .35	6N35-41	U.P.U.	34.00 5.00
694	Traffic	.50 .20	6N42-60	Buildings	17.50 1.00
698-701	Exhibit	1.75 1.25	6N61-63	Goethe	17.50 8.00
702-21	Heuss	8.00 .75	6N64-67	Grn. Opt.	5.75 1.00
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B304-05	Bicycles	2.25 2.50	6N75-79	Bell II	3.00 3.00
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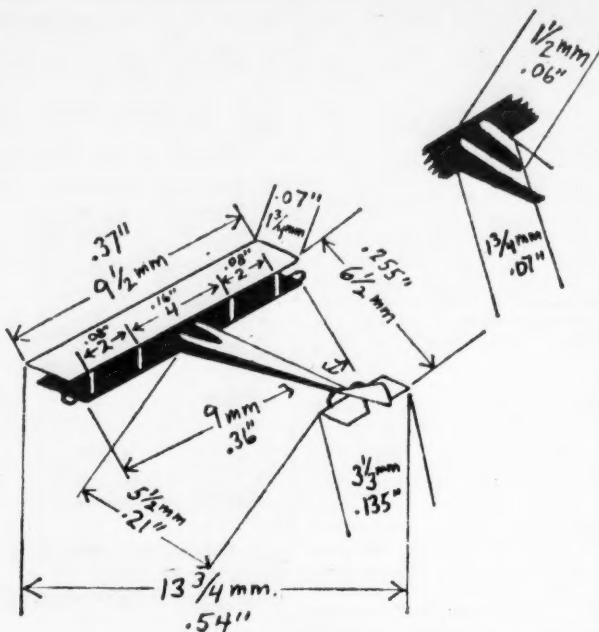
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however, is an ordinary arrival postmark (usually on the face of postcards or the reverse of envelopes), for all flown matter was so stamped. The dates of the arrival postmarks are the same as those of the flights, which would be October 22 for Osaka and October 23 for Tokyo, with one exception.

One of the three planes which made the down flight from Tokyo got lost and landed at Wakayama, 45 miles south of Osaka. Its mail was taken by rail from Wakayama to Osaka and given an ordinary arrival postmark of Osaka Chuo (Osaka Central) dated October 23 (8.10.23), one day later than the mail which arrived regularly on the two other planes.

The arrival postmark on a flown cover from Osaka, with the commemorative cancellation of that city dated October 23 (8.10.23), which is in the writer's collection, is Nihombashi (an office in Tokyo), 8.10.23, 3-4 p.m.



This commemorative postmark (enlarged) was used at Tokyo

The commemorative postmarks were in use for one day after the flight in Tokyo and for three after the flight in Osaka, so if covers exist dated October 23 (8.20.23) from Tokyo or October 24, 25, or 26 (8.10.24, 25, or 26) from Osaka, they cannot, of course, be considered as flown.

Covers of the correct date periods without arrival postmarks were probably serviced on the spot in the various post offices selling the stamps and immediately handed back to owners, and constitute another group of unflown matter.

The two commemorative stamps were created by overprinting the design of a biplane on the 1½s. and 3s. values of the regular stamps then current. The basic stamps are from the first group of regulars to be printed with the dash-line sheet frame, which was adopted in late 1916.

Sheets of 100 (10 x 10) have a twelve-character plate imprint under stamps 95 and 96 reading (right to left) "Dai Nippon Teikoku Seifu Insatsu Kyoku Seizo" ("Great Japanese Imperial Government Printing Bureau Manufactured"), to be literal. The basic stamps are from what has been designated the Old Taisho Watermarked Series, and the plate imprint is known as Type C.

The stamps were printed from flat plates by typography, and are perforated with the regular comb-type perforation gauging 13 x 13½. The paper on which the stamps are printed is called "White granite wove" paper, characterized by short dark imbedded fibers, and it has a watermark of parallel zigzag lines.

The 1½s. stamp is pale blue while the 3s. denomination is red. The size of the printed design is 19 x 22½mm. (.745 x .890 inches).

The biplane overprint was applied lithographically to the stamps, in red on the blue one and in blue on the red. It is this overprint which causes untold vexation among collectors of Japanese stamps, for it has been extensively counterfeited.

Many counterfeits are quite crude and easily detected, but all too many others are rather cleverly executed. Unfortunately no positive standard criteria for judging genuineness can easily be established. Examination of just a few good copies reveals minor differences, most of which appear to be the result of plate inking deficiencies.

The writer holds three blocks of four of this issue in which slight inking or impression differences can be found in all twelve overprints. Nevertheless, certain characteristics of the genuine overprint can be tabulated and used as a basis for comparison. While not infallible, certain deviations, especially when compounded, should be treated with suspicion. But before concentrating on es-

tablishing the legitimacy of the overprint, it is advisable, and much simpler, first to establish that the basic stamp is of the correct series, for if it is not, then the overprint can automatically be assumed spurious.

The design of the basic stamps is known as the Tazawa design (after the designer) and was used in four different series of stamps issued at various times between 1913 and 1938. Eight different issues of the 1½s. and at least twelve different issues of the 3s. stamp have been identified, excluding booklets and coils.

Imprint blocks or strips are necessary to positively identify all individual issues; a lesser number can be classified by an attached section of sheet selvage, and still fewer can be distinguished as single stamps without sheet margin attached.

It has been mentioned above that the size of the imprinted design of the basic stamps should measure 19 x 22½mm; it should not be smaller. In the course of the printing history of the four series, the original large dies were replaced in 1926 by dies measuring 18½ x 22mm.

However, the smaller dies were devised for new rotary presses, and when plates were curved to fit these presses, an elongation of one dimension resulted in a finished product 18½ x 22½mm in size. Later, in 1928, new flat plates were created, but from the smaller dies of 1926, thus resulting in stamps measuring 18½ x 22mm.

Needless to say, stamps with the biplane overprint which are found in these small sizes can be regarded with skepticism. The bulk of the individual 1½s. and 3s. Tazawa stamps in existence today are from printings in the smaller sizes. Thus a not-too-careful counterfeiter (whose number will no doubt increase as time passes) might easily use the wrong basic stamp on which to apply his bogus biplane.

Other points to check are the paper, sheet frame and perforations. The 1½s. and 3s. Tazawa-design stamps occur without watermark on white wove paper and with a wavy line watermark also on white wove paper, but the overprinted stamps should, as already noted, be on white granite ("fibred") wove paper with a watermark of parallel zigzag lines.

Perforations should gauge 13 x 13½ on the overprinted stamps, whereas gauges 12 and 12 x 12½ can be found on the regular stamps. If sheet selvage is attached to an overprinted stamp, extensions of the perforations into the selvage should be checked.

Holes should go all the way through the top sheet margin, but there should be no extensions of the rows of perforations into any of the other three margins. Still checking selvage, there should be on all sides of the sheet a frame of short parallel dashes perpendicular to the adjacent edge of the stamp.

Lack of this frame, or the presence of one consisting of two heavy straight lines with a very thin one between running parallel to the adjacent stamp edge, should be cause for concern, for the overprint will be a fake.

One other check that can be made is from the plate imprint, but imprint blocks or strips are difficult to come by. Anyway, there should be twelve characters in the imprint, not fourteen, and it should be found under two stamps, not three.

If a section of the sheet margin containing part of an imprint is attached to a single stamp, there should be not more than six characters under the stamp, with a space the size of a character at one end or the other.

Two or three characters and a large space, seven characters and a small space, or between eight and nine characters and no space, found in conjunction with the biplane overprint, will brand the overprint as counterfeit. The sheet frame is located between the stamps and the imprint.

To recapitulate, the following points must apply to the basic stamp before any time need be spent in checking the overprint:

- Stamps without selvage:**
1—Design size, 19 x 22½mm. (more closely, .745 x .890 in.), not 18½ x 22 or 18½ x 22½mm.
2—Paper, white granite ("fibred") wove, watermarked parallel zigzags.

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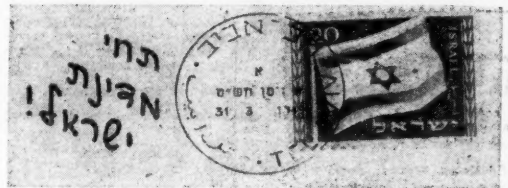
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10-14	3.75	11.50	80-83	.30	.40	155	.16	.18
15	.50	2.95	84-5	.30	.40	156	.20	.25
16	.50	.86	86	.10	.15	157	.05	.05
17-21, 3	1.10	4.50	87	.02	.05	160	.09	.11
22	4.45	6.75	88-89	.20	.30	161	.32	.35
24	.23	1.10	90	.20	.22	162-4	.38	.40
26	.55	1.75	91	.18	.22	165-7	.24	.27
27	2.20	8.50	92	.08	.20	168-7	.95	1.05
28-30	3.00	26.50	93	.10	.20	171a	.05	.05
31-32	.80	2.90	94-99	.50	.55	178-79	.50	.50
33-34	3.75	26.50	100-103	.28	.30	180-81	.28	.30
35-36	.45	2.90	104	.10	.13	182	.30	.33
37	1.60	4.90	105-116	.70	.75	183	.16	.16
38-43	.15	.40	117	.20	.23	184-6	.45	.54
44	.32	1.10	118	.19	.21	187-4	.20	.25
45	.15	.60	119	.10	.12	187a	1.25	.35
46-7	.40	2.10	120	.15	.17	188	.18	.20
48-50	.80	5.50	121-23	.12	.14	189	.35	.37
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Administrative

In addition to the foregoing, the members of the Society received
various reports, news of our membership, information on the formation
of chapters, a membership list, sales department regulations, informa-
tion regarding each individual new member joining during the year,
notices of changes of address, advertisements, notices of awards and
prizes, and much other pertinent information.

Total issues for 1960 amounted to 247 pages which went to all of the
membership which stood at the first of the year, rising to 412 by the
end of the year. As to distribution of our membership, we have one each
in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, the Canal Zone, Denmark, Finland,
France, Greenland, Lebanon, Mexico, Pakistan, Ryukyu Islands, Scotland,
Sweden, Taiwan, Tripoli, Uruguay and Vietnam; two in Switzerland,
three in Korea, seven in Germany, eight in England, nine in Canada,
two or three dozen in Japan and the balance in the United States.

Smyth's Early U.S. Covers At Fanwood

The Queen City Stamp and Cover
Club, Chapter 16 of the American
First Day Cover Society, will hold
its next meeting at 8:30 p.m. on
March 27 at the Plainfield Trust
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Ave. S., Fanwood, N.J.

G. Albert Smyth of the Wekeary
Stamp and Coin Club will show his
prize-winning collection of 1845-55
U.S. covers and talk on the "Transi-
tion from Stampless to Stamped
Covers".

The rest of the meeting will be a
general get-acquainted and trading
session. "Bring your duplicates and
bring your friends," urges Secre-
tary Frank J. Aufrecht, 1448 Shir-
ley St., Plainfield, N. J.

FIRST AIRMAIL (Continued from page 27)

3—Perforations, 13 x 13½, not
12 or 12 x 12½.

Additional checks from selvage:
4—Sheet frame, short parallel
lines, not long continuous lines or
none.

5—Perforation extension into mar-
gins, none except to edge of sheet
at top, not one-hole extensions at
sides or bottom of one- or three-
hole extension at top.

6—Plate imprint (if present), 12,
not 14, characters located under
two, not three, stamps.

The accompanying enlarged illus-
tration of the overprint (traced from
a projection of a genuine specimen)
shows the biplane as it should look
when properly inked. Various di-
mensions are given. Under-inking
sometimes causes missing lines or
breaks in lines, as well as the ap-
parent creation of extra wing struts.

Over-inking, which seems to be
more prevalent in the red overprint
than in the blue, can obliterate the
wing struts, and frequently solidifies

the hollow, nearly semi-circular pro-
jections at either end of the lower
wing.

Variations also can be found in
the appearance of what seems to
be the cockpit (the projection in the
top of the fuselage leading back from
the trailing edge of the upper wing).

Measurement of multiple pieces
reveals that like points of adjacent
overprints are 2½mm apart hori-
zontally and 25mm apart vertically,
which measurements also, of course,
apply to the basic stamps them-
selves.

The writer has not seen enough
copies of these commemoratives to
be able to make any firm con-
clusions about the placement of the
overprint on the stamps, except that
the tail of the biplane always seems
to fall within the lower half, of the
over-all circle enclosing "Sn."

A. M. Tracey Woodward, writing
in the 1930's, says of the counter-
feits known to him at that time:
"In the genuine overprint there is
a small circle at the west edge of
the wing; in the forgeries this fea-
ture is lacking."

"As the forgeries were mainly
printed by a single block, the re-
verse of the stamp usually shows
traces of the aeroplane, more espe-
cially at the tail of the machine,
where the paper is somewhat in re-
lief; this effect is not shown in the
genuine, because they were over-
printed by lithography from a stone
slab of 100 to a sheet."

One additional fact to bear in mind
when attempting to judge used
copies of this issue is their validity
for postage only from October 3
through 31, and then only for domes-
tic use. Disregarding the possibility
of the existence of obliging postal
clerks, used copies should not be
found on covers addressed to for-
eign countries, nor should postmarks
on them bear dates outside the peri-
od cited.

The writer, for instance, has a

copy of the 1½s. stamp on which
the red overprint fails all tests (ex-
cept ultra-violet which is unavail-
able) for the counterfeit. However,
it has been cancelled with a com-
memorative cancellation marking
1919 special military exercises; this
postmark was employed only in the
period November 11-15, 1919.

If genuine, the explanation seems
to lie in the practice of "cancelling
on presentation", whereby individ-
uals presenting franked covers or
cards at post office windows may
have the stamps canceled and the
mail matter handed back to them.

This is a common occurrence in
Japan, especially in connection with
commemorative and scenic post-

marks. Judgement, nevertheless, is
still reserved on this specimen.

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30 YEN TREATY STAMP
(Continued from page 23)

America-Japan Society in Tokyo is
wholly unreliable.

7-Inspector OGURI Bungo-no-kami
Tadamasa. ("Bungo-no-kami" is
a title; see below.) Born in the tenth
year of the Bunsei era (1827); died
April 28, 1868 (Keio 4.4.6). At the
time of his appointment on October
8, 1859 (Ansei 6.9.13) as third-rank-
ing member of the embassy, with
title of Kansatsu (Inspector), Oguri
held the position of metsuke or
"censor" in the shogunal govern-
ment.

But he had been appointed to this
position only the day before, and
the trip to America was therefore
his first important assignment. The
metsuke were shogunal officials
ranking below the bugyo (such as
Shimmi and Muragaki) and charged
generally with checking on the ac-

tivities of officials and members of
the feudal class ranking below the
daimyo or feudal barons. Conse-
quently they are often referred to in
English as "censors" or even as
"spies".

After returning to Japan, Oguri
held a long succession of official
positions at the bugyo level and be-
came undoubtedly more influential
than either Shimmi or Muragaki.
However, he bitterly opposed the
Meiji Restoration and was beheaded
by imperial forces in 1868, despite
a last-minute offer to surrender.

8-NARUSE Zenshiro. naruse was
not fourth but fifth in rank in the
1860 embassy, but as head of the
foreign affairs staff (gaikoku bugyo
kumi-sashira) he had the responsi-
bility of carrying the diplomatic
documents, the fourth-ranking offi-
cial being a finance officer.

He is not listed in Japanese bio-
graphical dictionaries, but is said to
have been aged 39 sai in 1860, which
would make him probably 38 or 37
by Western reckoning. In the last
1860, which would make him probab-
ly 38 or 37 by Western reckoning. In
the last days of the shogunate, late
in 1867 or early in 1868, he was pro-
moted to the position of metsuke
(censor). Is sometimes known as
Naruse Masanori.

The principal official not listed
above was Secretary of State Lewis
Cass. All accounts, whether Japan-
ese or American, agree that Cass
stood to the left of the Presi-
dent during this audience, and that
the President handed the Japanese
credentials to Cass after receiving
them from Shimmi.

Cass is clearly shown in at least
one picture of the audience, but in
Harper's sketch reproduced on the
stamp, there is no one—anywhere
near the President or anywhere
else—who looks even remotely like
Cass.

The two men standing behind the
President, and visible between him
and Gen. Scott on the stamp, look
nothing at all like Cass, either on
the stamp or in the original sketch.
The artist either omitted Cass for
some unknown reason, or depicted
him so inaccurately that he can-
not be here recognized.

Other Japanese officials are shown
at the far right in the sketch, but
only one is possibly on the stamp.
He may well be the fourth-ranking
member of the embassy, MORITA
Okataro, head of the finance staff,
but this identification (unlike that
of the other Japanese mentioned
above) is uncertain.

The Japanese titles mentioned
above, and the contemporary Ameri-
can newspaper references to the am-
bassadors as "princes" or "lords",
require some explanation. Buzen,
Awaji, and Bungo were the names
of Japanese provinces and the suf-
fix "no-kami" means "lord of", or
literally "protector of".

However, these were purely cour-
tesy titles, devoid of any actual
governmental or administrative sig-
nificance whatever.

As one writer observed, Shimmi
was "lord of Buzen" but for all any-
one knew, he may very well have
never even set foot in Buzen. Cer-
tainly he had nothing to do with
governing Buzen—this was the pre-
rogative of a daimyo or feudal lord,
whose title was hereditary.

For clearer understanding, it may
be said with some considerable over-
simplification that the Japanese aris-
tocracy in 1860 consisted of three
broad groups: the court nobility
(largely in Kyoto, the imperial capi-
tal), the shogunal officials (largely
in Edo, the shogunal capital), and
the feudal lords and their subordi-
nates (scattered all over the coun-
try).

There were of course numerous
sub-groups and within each category
there was a wide range of rank.
In all three categories, but especial-
ly in the second and third, men
customarily held one or more cour-
tesy titles in addition to one or more
titles describing their actual office.

All the Japanese shown on the
stamp were from the second cate-
gory, and neither their courtesy
titles nor their official positions were
hereditary.

Some idea of the relative rank of
these men in 1860 can be derived
from the following description of the
higher echelons of the shogunal gov-
ernment. At the top, of course, was
the Shogun himself.

Next in line was the Tairo or Great
Councilor, but this position was va-
cant after the assassination of Ii
Naosuke (pictured on a 1958 Japa-

nese commemorative) on March 24,
1860, seven weeks after the embassy
left Japan, five days before they
reached San Francisco. (As the real
ruler of Japan at the time, it was
undoubtedly the official who chose
the members of the embassy).

Next in line were four or five
Roju or Senior Councilors and an
equal number of Wakadoshiyori or
Junior Councilors. Then came the
Sobayonin or Grand Chamberlain
and six or seven Soba-shu or Cham-
berlains. The Councilors theoretic-
ally outranked the Chamberlains but
in practice they were of roughly
equivalent rank and influence.

Below these was a flock of other
officials, with bugyo (commis-
sioners) such as Shimmi and Muragaki
near the top and such officers as
metsuke (e.g., Oguri) next in rank,
and below them all kinds of other
men culminating in palace guards
and attendants of all types.

It might thus be said that Shimmi
and Muragaki, the Senior and Deput-
y Ambassadors respectively, were
from approximately the third eche-
lon of shogunal officials and Oguri
from the fourth. Naruse was of lower
rank, and Namura still lower on
the scale; he, in fact, is listed as No.
15 in one Japanese sequence I have
found, though without his services
the embassy could not have com-
municated to their hosts in America.

STUDY OF FIELD
(Continued from page 1)

ters—We are all familiar with "sen"
and "yen", which are Japanese
words found on Japanese stamps but
written with English letters or, to
use the commoner term, written in
roman letters, or romanized. Simi-
larly, we find such romanizations as
BEPPU, FUJI-HAKONE, and the like.

French language inscriptions are to
be seen in a number of instances.
One coming to mind is that found on
the miniature sheet issued December
25, 1938, reading PARC NATIONAL
DE NIKKO. Surely, all who receive
airmail from Japan will have noted
the PAR AVION stickers on the en-
velopes.

Chemical symbols—All will have
noted the C2H5OH appearing on the
stamp issued September 14, 1948 to
mark the 10th anniversary of the en-
forcement of the Alcohol Monopoly
Law. This is read in several ways,
including A-RU-KO-O-RU (in Japan-
ese), "alcohol (in English) or even
as "ethyl hydrate".

Esperanto—Many are familiar
with the Esperanto Congress held in
Japan in November 1956 when a
special commemorative cancellation
was used reading "JAPANA JUBI-
LEA KONGRESO ESPERANTA".

This marked the 50th anniversary
of the Esperanto Movement in Ja-
pan with first day covers reading
"1906 ORA JUBILEO DE JAPANA
ESPEANTO-MOVADO 1956".

Korean, as does Japanese, em-
ploys both Chinese characters and
syllabics. The Chinese charac-
ters are read in Korean and not
in Chinese, but the readings are
closer to the Chinese originals than
the Sino-Japanese readings accorded
to the Japanese to Chinese charac-
ters. For example, the characters
in Illustration No. 5, reading from
left to right, are read:

TAE-HAN-CHE-KUK (in Korean),
DAI-KAN-TEI-KOKU (in Japanese)
and TA-HAN-TI-KUO (in Chinese),
yet however it is read, it means
"Imperial Korea".

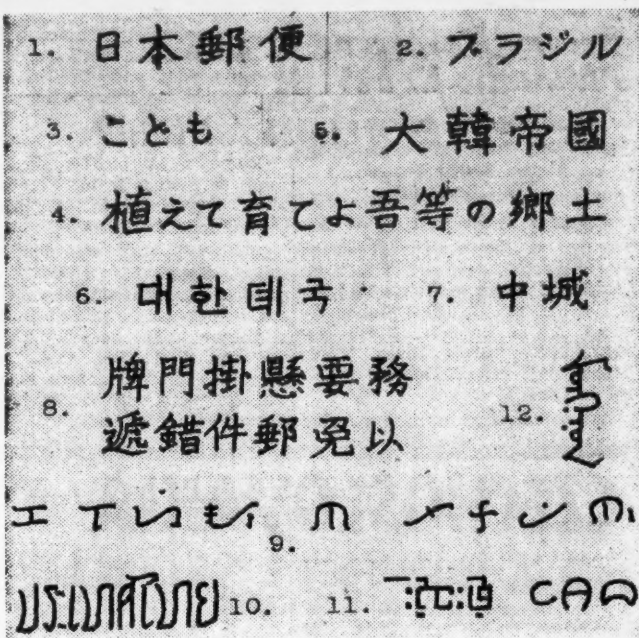
Other Korean stamps (also falling
within the embrace of Japanese phi-
lately) give the same inscription
written in the Chinese alphabet-syl-
labary, as seen in Illustration No. 6.

Ryukyuan—While on the subject
of Chinese characters, mention
might be made of the fact that they
are used in the Ryukyu Islands also
and, as in the case of the Japanese,
are at times accorded readings
which are peculiarly Ryukyuan. For
example, in the case of the postal
cancellation, seen in Illustration No.
7, this is read:

NAKA GUSHIKU in Ryukyuan,
and
NAKA SHIRO or CHU JO in Japa-
nese

Chinese inscriptions in large num-
bers are used on the stamps of Man-
chukuo and on the stamps of the
Japanese Occupation of China. To
cite but a single instance, let us
examine the two stamps issued May
25, 1941 to commemorate the En-
actment of Conscription Law.

A Chinese slogan is to be found
above each top stamp in the sheet,
as shown in Illustration No. 8, mean-



Recent European Philatelic News

Joachim Dill
(13a) Bad Neustadt/traenk. Saale
Martin Luther Str. 28
West Germany

Canadian Arctic Post Offices are situated in the rapidly developed North West Territories (NWT). Send addressed covers to the station leaders of the Meteorological Stations at Alert, NWT; Resolute, NWT; Eureka, NWT; Clyde River, NWT; Mould Bay, NWT; Isachsen, NWT; all in Canada.

Ask politely that on the front side

of your cover longitude and latitude be indicated, the station's rubber stamp applied and—"if that would not trouble too much"—the station leader autograph your cover. Watch for other NW addresses soon.

Covers must be for first-class mail: 5c postage to U.S., 6c to foreign countries, in CANADIAN stamps must be affixed.

Ship Mail—Very nice illustrated rubber stamps are applied on request on the front side of your covers, if they will be mailed on board of the passenger vessels "AMERICA" and "UNITED STATES". Send in your addressed covers stamped with 4c U.S. stamps (8c foreign), to the purser of the ships, c/o United

States Lines, 1 Broadway, New York 4, N.Y.

Ask the purser to mail them from board his ship at Bremerhaven, Le Havre, or Southampton. Your U.S. stamps will be canceled with German, French or British postmarks.

If you do not have a friend in these countries who could return your covers, address them to any name, c/o Poste Restante, in any town of these countries, but do not fail to indicate on the back of the covers your address as sender, so that they will be returned to you a few weeks later.

MALEV Airlines will inaugurate early in April service Budapest-London. A special postmark will be

used. Send covers to Commercial Director, MALEV, Hungarian Airlines, Vorosmarty-ter 5, Budapest V, Hungary, together with 1 international reply coupon per cover.

Ship Mail—When I read that the "SEAWOLF" and other ships were chasing the "SANTA MARIA", I immediately sent covers to the mail clerks—but the pirates capitulated before my covers arrived on board the ships. I did receive a few covers with large SEAWOLF "Pirate Chaser" cachets, covers which I had sent in December 30.

Ship mail collectors should send in covers from time to time, so that they will participate if anything extraordinary occurs.

Garden State Stampers Seeking More Members

The next meeting of the Garden State Stamp Club will be held March 28 at the First Presbyterian Church, Iselin, N. J. The group meets regularly on second and fourth Tuesdays, with a program featuring mixture and auction nights at interesting intervals.

Area and touring collectors are welcome, especially the former with the desire to affiliate themselves with a growing club of diversified stamp interests. Henry P. Kraemer, 496 Elm Ave., Rahway, N. J. is contact man for the group.

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20 23* 23 34 41* 42* 42 47 65 66 72 76
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